



Vice Chair Persons Report 2019

This is my third year in office, which has continued to offer numerous challenges, but remains a rewarding experience. This year I have represented ASCN UK in attending several Patient, Industry and Professionals (PIPs) Forum meetings. The PIPs forum continues to work collaboratively to ensure that the specialties of stoma care and continence continue to be well represented within the ever-changing NHS environment. Much of the focus for this year has been regarding the “deep dive” exercise into Stoma Care being undertaken by Central Procurement Partnership, London Procurement Partnership and East of England procurement hubs. The group is also considering the need for an All-Party Parliamentary Group for Stoma Care (APPG), to raise the profile and focus on stoma care or there may be a possibility we could join forces with the existing Continence APPG. However, such discussions are still quite preliminary.

Along with Maddie White (Chairperson) I have the pleasure of sitting on the WCET-ASCN UK joint organising committee for the conference to be held in Glasgow next year. We have already booked lots of exciting and interesting events for delegates and I understand the Scientific Programme is taking good shape with many interesting speakers representing all corners of the globe incorporating all 3 specialities, Stoma, Continence and Wound.

I continue to work collaboratively with colleagues from the British Health and Trades Association (BHTA) on various issues. I attend the BHTA’s quarterly meetings offering a nursing voice & representing ASCN UK. ASCN UK also have a quarterly meeting with the Chairperson of the BHTA and Kevin Hodges (Membership Engagement Manager) to ensure good two-way communication between the 2 groups.

Throughout the year, I have attended the ASCN UK quarterly area representatives’ meetings, which offer a great insight as to what is happening in each of the areas throughout the UK. These meetings are both informative and enjoyable.

ASCN UK actively support the BJN awards in recognising outstanding contributions stoma care nurses have made to our specialism. Maddie and I were fortunate enough to be invited to the prestigious awards ceremony in London to present the BJN Stoma Care Nurse of Year Award. We continue to work with the Mark Allen group in supporting stoma care with the production of 3 BJN supplements a year, free to all ASCN UK members.

This year, I have worked collaboratively with Wendy Osborne (Education Officer) to complete Phase 2 of the guidelines that we hope will be available at this years’ conference.

Some of you may recall a few years ago that ASCN UK tried to establish certain guidelines/recommendations regarding the use of convex products for Stoma Care Nurses, unfortunately at the time this project did not progress too well. There has been some recent publications/further evidence around this area of practice, so it was decided at an ASCN UK area representatives meeting that it was an area worth revisiting. Therefore, we have resurrected this project and again are trying to establish possible recommendations. We have another project meeting planned for October 2019. We will keep you posted regarding our progress.

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