



## Vice Chair Report – Angie Perrin

2021 has continued to provide numerous challenges for us all, both personally as well as professionally. For many of us using numerous virtual platforms for meetings and consultations has become the norm.

You may recall that last year Maddie announced that ASCN UK would be writing a book for specialist stoma care nurses. Throughout this year, both Maddie and myself have been meeting regularly to edit the chapters written by many of you – so a huge thank you for those of you who have contributed. Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented pressures on many of our services the publication date for this book has needed to be pushed back until 2022, and it's certainly well on its way to meeting this deadline. This book promises to be an excellent and valuable resource for everyone working within the specialist sphere of stoma care.

This year I have represented ASCN UK in virtually attending 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.

I continue to represent ASCN UK and work collaboratively with colleagues from the British Health and Trades Association (BHTA) on various issues, attending some of 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 representative 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.

And at last the ASCN UK recommendations for convexity usage have finally been completed and available to ASCN UK members via the website. There is also an article written by myself, Maddie and Jennie in this month's edition of the British Journal of Nursing which all ASCN UK members should be receiving as part of their membership.

ASCN UK continues to provide high quality, beneficial resources for its members and for our specialism. Sitting on the ASCN committee is rewarding, as well as at times a little challenging, but I think it does widen your vision and offers the opportunity to look at our specialism from many different perspectives – it's a extremely worthwhile venture, so I would urge anyone to strongly consider applying for future honorary officer roles.

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