



NEONATAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

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NNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Wednesday 24th January 2024 **Virtual via MS Teams**

19 in attendance, including NNA board members: Róisín-McKeown Carter (RMC) (Chair), Colm Darby (CD), Kelly Harvey (KH), Katie Gallagher (KG), Karen Mainwaring (KM) and NNA staff Cheryl Titherly (CEO) and Becky Kennedy (Communications & Member Engagement Officer).

Welcome & Apologies (Chair) Apologies: Elisa Lakhani-Hector, Eoin Fowell, Shahid Javed.

Conflicts of interest (Chair) None declared.

Amendments to AGM 21/22 AGM minutes (Chair) None.

Chair's report (Chair) We have had another impactful year having increased our membership offer. We launched our PhD support group for nurses considering or undertaking a PhD and hosted a mock interview session. We published resources to support nurses to publish their work and projects in our Journal, the Journal of Neonatal Nursing.

Our Linking research & education in neonatal care (Learn) SIG delivered 2 sessions with further opportunities to network and collaborate across the UK.

We launched our free student membership offer ensuring the future neonatal workforce can access our support. We delivered 3 webinars for our student members on interview skills, turning a dissertation into a publication and making the most of the neonatal placement. We also gifted our student members access to our annual virtual conference held in March 2023.

Our conference 'Embracing positive workplace culture' attracted hundreds of delegates from around the world. It was a day full of learning, sharing and examples of excellence showcasing thought-provoking projects and work.

We ran 2 webinars led by our neonatal transport lead trustee, sparking interest and enthusiasm and resulting in the development of the NNA Neonatal Transport SIG that will launch May 2023. Our neonatal transport scholar 2022 delivered a webinar on their scholarship project and ran a workshop at our conference. All 7 of our scholars 2022 presented their projects at conference.

In 2023 we awarded 5 more NNA members with scholarships supporting exciting and important projects and research. We look forward to supporting their work and seeing the developments throughout 2023.

The NNA celebrated neonatal nurses, AHPs and teams in 2022/23 by giving 3 prestigious awards acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the neonatal workforce. We received a high quality of nominations and announced the winners of the Practice Development Award, Neonatal Nurse of the Year Award and the Neonatal Team of the Year Award 2023 at our conference. We know the 2022 winners benefited from their award with lifted morale, increased recognition of their work and increased opportunities to share their learning.

2022/23 also saw the NNA collaborating on the Get it Right First Time (GIRFT) neonatal workforce report. We also worked with the Clinical Reference Group, NHS England - Health Education England - Neonatal Programme Board - National Implementation Board (NIB) - National Bereavement Care Pathway (NBCP) - RCPCH - National Neonatal Audit Programme (NNAP), Neonatal Partnership Board, CAG (Clinical Advisory Group), MIS (Maternity Incentive Scheme) and NHR (NHS Resolution).

The NNA wrote to all 4 CNOs highlighting workforce pressures and met with the Chair of the Neonatal APPG to raise the issue of safe staffing, recruitment and retention. The NNA raised the profile of neonatal nursing and supported nurses in Wales at the Mat/Neo safety summit in Cardiff.



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We have also re-established our committee in Wales and launched a regional hub in the East of England. The NNA in NI hosted an in-person workshop and will deliver their conference in April 2023.

Finance Summary Report (CEO) The financial year 2022/23 annual report including a financial summary is available via NNA website. New external examiners James Todd & Co. proposed by Colm Darby and seconded by Katie Gallagher.

Voting in of new Trustee (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Lead) Kelly Harvey nominated Tendai Nzirawa as EDI Lead. Seconded by Colm Darby.

Voting in of Chair (Róisín McKeon-Carter) for a 2nd term Nominated by Kelly Harvey and seconded by Karen Mainwaring.

Any other business (Chair) A thank you to all NNA members for their engagement and to those attending the meeting.

