



NEONATAL NURSES ASSOCIATION

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NNA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Monday 11th March 2025 **Virtual via Zoom**

21 in attendance, including NNA board members: Róisín-McKeown Carter (RMC) (Chair), Colm Darby (CD), Kelly Harvey (KH), Katie Gallagher (KG), Julia Petty (JP), Elisa Lakhani-Hector (ELH), Tendai Nziwara (TW), Karen Mainwaring (KM) and NNA staff: Stephen Henden, Becky Hine, Cheryl Titherly and NNA members in the room: Breidge Boyle & Gemma Carter.

Welcome & Apologies (Chair) Apologies: Shahid Javed (Treasurer).

Conflicts of interest (Chair) None declared.

Amendments to AGM 22/23 AGM minutes (Chair) None.

Chair's report (Chair) This has been a particularly active year for the Neonatal Nurses Association, and we are grateful to have had many opportunities to deliver impactful messages to those in a position to facilitate change. I was particularly pleased to have been invited to speak at the House of Lords Pre-term Birth Enquiry for their forum "How can medical staff be supported to deliver effective care for mothers and preterm babies?". As part of the process, the NNA submitted written and verbal evidence, with me and NNA executive member Kelly Harvey, calling for better support for neonatal nurses, with a particular emphasis on the importance of retention. We have a series of position statement outlining what we are calling for [here](#).

We have had an exciting and busy year delivering a packed event schedule, officially launching NNA Cymru, planning our first face-to-face conference since the pandemic, and welcoming the National Neonatal Surgical Interest Group into our fold. NNSIG has had a particularly productive year publishing their Gastroschisis Best Practice Standards. We look forward to supporting NNSIG as they continue to pursue progress and innovation in the area of neonatal surgery. We also launched our ANNP Group, Managers and Matrons Group and Palliative Care SIG.

Though this will not impact how you interact with the NNA or how we work to support you, the NNA will transition from an unincorporated charitable association to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) during 2025. This will provide limited liability protection for trustees and a formal legal structure for better governance. We will maintain continuity of the NNA's vision and mission, but with enhanced credibility and trust from stakeholders.

Róisín McKeon-Carter announced that after 4 years of being Chair of the NNA that she would step down with immediate effect. Róisín thanked NNA members and the Board for their support and hard work.

Finance Summary Report (Stephen Henden (SH), NNA Finance & Membership Officer) The financial year 2022/23 annual report including a financial summary will shortly be available via the NNA website. SH talked through the financial summary report (FY22/23) commenting on the strategic deficit and strong financial position going into 2023/24.

Voting in of new Trustees Colm Darby nominated Katie Gallagher as NNA Chair. Seconded by Kelly Harvey. Colm Darby nominated Gemma Carter as NNA Northern Ireland representative. Seconded by Karen Mainwaring. Colm Darby nominated Lucie Lewis as NNA Wales representative. Seconded by Julia Petty.

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



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Question from NNA Member KL around support for a workforce project. Responded to by KM. Full proposal to be discussed at next NNA board meeting (June 2025).

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