

Education Report 2024

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This is my first report as the Education Officer for the ASCN UK, after becoming a member of the committee in July 2024. I was previously Treasurer for a short time and due to personal circumstances, I had to step down. I have now had the opportunity to volunteer again and with the role being so large and all-encompassing this will be shared between myself and Maddie White (whose previous experience within the committee will be so valuable). I am now able to apply my enthusiasm and positivity for the role moving forward. I have very large shoes to fill following on from Jennie Burch and Emma Vernon, but I am looking forward to the challenge, as well as being part of a very important Committee that is imperative if we wish to continue developing research and education within stoma care.

Working directly with stoma patients daily and supporting a team to develop and grow within an ever challenging and changing NHS environment, ensures I continue to understand the educational needs of our profession, including the time constraints surrounding this. This is why the Podcasts and bite-sized learning being developed are going to be perfect for our educational needs.

Maddie has previously been Chair of ASCN UK and brings not only a wealth of clinical experience to this new role, but also a valuable insight into the function and purpose of the organisation. This will enable the process of establishing and utilising the vast network of SCN knowledge and skills to continue to develop relevant clinical resources.

We have successfully run a national webinar this year with over 150 nurses registering. The recording of the webinar, presentation slides and resources are available to ASCN members on the website: <https://ascnuk.org/ascn-uk-webinar-resources/>

A further podcast has also been planned for this year- please see September newsletter for details. "Beyond the Bag: Challenging Differences in Stoma Care"

Our in hospital clinical high output guidelines have been updated this year and will be available very soon. All current guidelines are available to ASCN UK members on our website www.ascnuk.org/national-clinical-guidelines

Further work will be undertaken this coming year to update and amend more of the guidelines as well as develop new ones – we would ask for requests for these to be submitted to Maddie. Please email to: clinicaldev@ascnuk.org

We continue to work with the Mark Allen Group, who produce the British Journal of Nursing (BJN) and The Gastrointestinal Nursing (GIN) journals. Last year saw the introduction of the Pat Black award for a journalistic piece of work in Pat's name. 6 articles which were published between ASCN UK conference last year until now have been shortlisted for this prestigious award and judged by the committee, using robust criteria to recognise a winner. The winner of the Pat Black award will be announced at this year's conference in Glasgow and the winner/s will be asked to present a Webinar/Podcast on writing an article for publication. This will be a joint webinar with an editor from the Mark Allen Group to talk about what they look for and the process of submitting an article for publication.

We are delighted to be hosting a joint conference this year with WCET in Glasgow and this is a fantastic opportunity to network with colleagues and peers from across the world and gain a fuller understanding of stoma/wound and continence care in a broader context. You may even find these other streams interesting and helpful to your practice!

Moving forward, your input on educational requirements is valuable as we want to provide on-going, world-leading educational events and seminars that are at the forefront of your learning needs. Without your input this will not be possible. We are so fortunate within stoma care that joining the ASCN UK provides us with many of the CPD points that are compulsory. Please continue to feedback and answer questionnaires that are sent to you as this builds the information that supports the portfolio of educational offerings. We also appreciate all your ideas for ASCN UK that you would find informative and valuable and that will fulfil your CPD and revalidation requirements.

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