

ASCN UK Secretary's Report 2026

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This is my first report as Honorary Secretary since taking up the role in January of this year. It has been a whirlwind few months as I have had the opportunity to get to know the other members of the Committee, Delegates who support us, and the Area Representatives and Trustees who are all pivotal to the success of ASCN UK.

To date, we have held one Trustees' meeting face to face and two Area Representatives' meetings, one held virtually via Microsoft Teams and one face to face. These opportunities for engagement are crucial in ensuring that we work collaboratively to support the needs of our members, whether through the development and review of guidelines or by addressing the challenges and issues that arise in the delivery of our roles.

This year, we welcomed Harriet Cansdale as the Area Representative for South Wales following the resignation of Deb Keoghane. Harriet attended our face-to-face meeting, and her contribution was invaluable. On behalf of the Committee, I would also like to thank Deb for her commitment and contribution during her time in the role.

We do still have vacancies for Area Representatives in some regions. If this is something that interests you, I would encourage you to speak with me or any member of the Committee to find out more about the role and the opportunities it provides to support our profession.

As always, our Area Representatives play a vital role in the success of our Annual Conference. I would like to extend my sincere thanks for their continued time, commitment, and support. The conference could not be delivered successfully without their invaluable contribution.

I had the privilege of representing ASCNUK at the BJN Conference and Awards Dinner alongside Maddie White. It was a particular pleasure to witness Anna Brewer receiving the prestigious BJN Stoma Nurse of the Year Award, presented by Maddie White.

I also attended the 70th Anniversary Meeting of the Ileostomy Association with Natasha Rolls, where she delivered an inspiring presentation on advancing stoma care services. In addition, we had the privilege of hearing Mollie Pearce share her personal journey and experiences of navigating life with a stoma, providing valuable insight into the challenges and achievements of living well with a stoma.

As this year draws to a close, I look forward to providing continuing support to the Committee in its work to advance stoma care services across the UK and, ultimately, improve outcomes and experiences for the patients we serve.

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