



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on 9th October 2024
Technology & Innovation Centre, University of Strathclyde & via Zoom

1. Welcome

Over 30 members joined the meeting, including the Chair Professor Doug Simkiss (in-person) and the Treasurer Dr Alice Setti (virtually)

2. Approval of the 2023 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM held on 11th September 2023 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were none.

4. Chair's Report –Professor Doug Simkiss

(a) Update on activities

The Chair gave an update on activities over the year. Full details can be found in the Trustees' report for [June 2023-May 2024](#):

- BACCH News articles throughout the year
- Second hybrid Annual Scientific Meeting held in Manchester and online on 11-12 Sept 2023, with 146 in-person and 136 virtual delegates attending
- In-person Regional Meetings held in Birmingham, Lincoln and Lancaster
- A virtual Trainees' Study Day with over 90 delegates
- BACCH policy contributions during the year included -
 - Submitted a response to the DHSC 'Major conditions strategy: call for evidence'
 - Provided feedback to the APPM on their 'clinical guidelines for pain and dystonia/hypertonicity'
 - Supported the ATLAS Think Language First manifesto, launched at the House of Lords on 30 January 2024
- Collaborated with RCPCH, RCSLT & RCOT on a campaign to improve community children's services. This launched in November 2023, resulted in questions in parliament and a meeting with the Minister for Children in March 2024. From this meeting NHS England have established a Clinical Reference Group to transform children's community services that BACCH co-chairs
- Professor Michelle Heys is Chair of the BACCH Strategic Research Group. The group has:
 - Supported submissions to the NIHR Child Health calls in January and March 2024.
 - Is conducting qualitative research on the obstacles to an academic CCH career.
 - Plans to run a James Lind Alliance process identifying research priorities for children in care during the 2024-25 financial year.

(b) Changes to BACCH roles

The Chair noted the following changes to the BACCH Executive Committee and thanked the outgoing members for their contributions to BACCH:

Outgoing members:

- Dr Lottie Mount (Convenor)
- Dr Pippa Marshall (National Trainee Rep)
- Dr Vicki Smith (National Trainee rep) – leaving at end of year
- Dr Rebecca Gumm and Dr Hannah Nicholson (Workforce Officers)

Incoming members:

- Drs Ian Male and Christiane Nitsch (Joint Deputy Academic Convenors)
- Dr Sunanda Bhatia (Trainee Newsletter Editor)
- Dr Toju Akomolafe (Assistant Trainee Newsletter Editor)

5. Treasurer's Report – Dr Alice Setti

a) Update on finances and membership

- Total Expenditure £199,065 (£167,155)
- Total income £254,052 (£189,746)
- Noted that £41,425 of the income received in the year was donations, which are restricted for work by the Strategic Research Group – specifically running a James Lind Alliance Process
- BACCH had 1,019 (948) members as of 31 May 2024

b) Approval of Accounts for 2023-24

- The Trustees' report and financial statements for the period 1 June 2023-31 May 2024 were presented and **approved**.
- Full details of income and expenditure available in the [Trustees' Report](#), which will be submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House in due course.

6. Other Officers reports

There were none.

7. Any Other Business

There was none.

8. Date of Next AGM

Tbc – to be held on day one of the 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting.