British Association for Community Child Health

Minutes

of the Annual General Meeting

held on 30th September 2025
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nottingham and online via Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome

Over 40 members joined the meeting in person and online, including the Chair Professor Doug Simkiss and the Treasurer Dr Alice Setti (both in person).

2. Approval of the 2024 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM held on 9th October 2024 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 actives over the year. Full details can be found in the Trustees' report for June 2024-May 2025

- *BACCH News* articles throughout the year
- Third hybrid Annual Scientific Meeting held in Glasgow and online on 9-10 Oct, with 194 in-person and 176 virtual delegates attending (almost 90 more than the previous year)
- In-person Regional Meetings held in West Bromwich, Nottingham, Chester and Leeds
- No National Trainees' Study Day was held in the financial year 2024-25. However in April and May 2025 the first events in two ongoing series for trainees were held: a 'Lightning Learning' event (20-minute teaching on trainee-chosen topics by national experts) and a trainee-led event to support recruitment into Community Child Health.
- BACCH policy contributions during the year included:
  - Providing feedback on the chapter on Children with Complex Needs for the RCPCH's Emergency Care Standards.
  - Producing a response to Lord Darzi's Independent Investigation of the NHS in England and the subsequent England Children's Commissioner report of waiting times for assessment/ support for children with neurodevelopmental conditions, both published in Autumn 2024.
  - In May 2025 DS submitted a witness statement to Module 8 of the Covid-19 Enquiry, which covers the impact of the pandemic on children and young people concerning education and health, well-being and social care.
- Professor Michelle Heys is still Chair of the BACCH Strategic Research Group. The SRG received a generous anonymous donation in the financial year 2023-24 ringfenced for a James Lind Alliance process identifying research priorities for children in care. This process is now underway and will be discussed in more detail in the 2025-26 Trustees' Report.

(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:

- Prof Doug Simkiss (Chair)
- Dr Hamilton Grantham and Dr Sarah Panjwani (Academic Convenors)
- Dr Vicki Smith (National Trainee rep)
- Dr Deepak Parasuraman (BACCH News Editor)

Incoming members:

- Dr David Vickers (Chair)
- Dr Heather Jarvis (Convenor)
- Drs Ian Male and Christiane Nitsch (Academic Convenors)
- Dr Jemma Wright (Newsletter Editor)
- Dr Kimberley Hallam and Dr Claire Stewart (National Trainee Reps)

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

- Executive Officer: Isabelle Robinson left 31/10/24; Lucy Doig joined 14/04/25
- Assistant Administrator: Prafula Bhadeshia left 30/06/25
- Finance & Membership Administrator: Sola Elliott joined 01/07/25

5. Treasurer's Report – Dr Alice Setti

a) Update on finances and membership

- Total Expenditure £199,065 *(£167,155)*
- Total income £268,767 *(£254,052)*
- Noted that the overall surplus for 2024-25 is lower **(**£1,808 vs £54,987 in the previous year), mainly because last year's was unusually high due to the one-off restricted donation and associated gift aid towards the SRG's James Lind Process. However our unrestricted surplus has increased from £14,562 (2023-4) to £42,233 (2024-5) due to increased surplus from the ASM/regional meetings and lower staff costs.
- BACCH had 1,107 *(1,019)* members as of 31 May 2025.

b) Approval of Accounts for 2024-25

- The Trustees' report and financial statements for the period 1 June 2024-31 May 2025 were presented and **approved**.
- Full details of income and expenditure are available in the Trustees' Report and Accounts, which will be submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House in due course.

6. Other Officers' reports

There were none.

7. Special Resolution

The Chair explained that earlier in the year BACCH had applied to register as a charity in Scotland in order to regularise and strengthen our relationship with the Scottish Association for Community Child Health

(SACCH). We were informed by the Scottish Charity Regulator, OSCR, that in order to comply with Scottish charity law the following wording would need to be inserted into our Constitution:

"Nothing in this Constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005."

A Special Resolution to add this wording to the end of Clause 12 of the BACCH Constitution was put to the members and **agreed unanimously**.

8. Any Other Business

There was none.

9. Date of Next AGM

TBC – to be held on day one of the 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting.