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Welcome
Annual General Meeting 2026
For the financial year June 2025 - May 2026

16th September 2026
Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Cardiff
& online

AGM 2026

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Agenda

- Approval of the 2025 AGM minutes
- Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
  (including approval of the 2025-26 accounts)
- Other Officers' reports (tbc)
- Any other business

Papers available on BACCH website:
https://www.bacch.org.uk/events/bacch-agm-2026

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Chair's Report
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Dr David Vickers

Chair

Communications

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Selected articles/themes for 2025-26 editions of '*BACCH News*' were:

- Sexual Abuse and Trauma-Informed Care; Embedding Public Health in Paediatric Training; Ethics and the Law in Paediatric Palliative Care: A Practical Guide for Clinicians (June 2025)
- Multidisciplinary Team Management of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; How to Talk About Children's Palliative Care (September 2025)
- ASM Special; Journalism with a Stethoscope; Public Health in Pictures; Tribute to Dr Lisa Kauffmann (December 2025)
- Children and Young People Seeking Asylum and Refugees (CYPSAR) Special; Dystonia - an Overview of Assessment and Management (March 2026)
- Members also receive a monthly email bulletin and members-only content via the BACCH website

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369 participants (200 in-person and 169 virtual) attended the hybrid 2025 ASM, held in Nottingham and online on 30th September-1st October 2025. Attendee numbers were almost identical to 2024.

Keynote topics at the ASM included**:**

- Where Are We Going as BACCH?
- Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children: the Kent experience
- Population health and integrated care: improving outcomes and reducing inequalities for children
- Changing Concepts and Changing Priorities in Autism
- What is the lived experience of people receiving an autism/neurodevelopmental diagnosis in late teens/early 20s?
- Safeguarding Concerns in Families After Adoption or Special Guardianship Order
- HOPE Study: Who gets SEND Provision, Where and When?

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- Successful joint session with BACAPH and the RCPCH Climate Group at **RCPCH Conference 2026** on 12 May, with **150 attendees**. Talks were titled *Kitchen to playground: Environmental exposures and children's health; Advocating and influencing inside and outside the system,* and *Partnerships and creativity – the cornerstones of paediatric advocacy*.

- Greater number of regional meetings held this year. Venues included: **West Bromwich** (July 2025 and January 2026); **Durham** (November 2025); **Nottingham** (November 2025, joint meeting with BACD); **South West** (February 2026, online); **Wakefield** (February 2026); **Chester** (March 2026); **Wrexham** (April 2026); **Preston** (May 2026)

Education & Training Strategy

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In 2024 BACCH set out its ambition to strengthen its education & training offer in order to fill the gap in the educational landscape left by the retreat of Higher Education Institutes. The proposed strategy had four elements:

1. to bring more precision for Community Child Health trainees to the eleven generic and five subspecialty learning outcomes in Progress Plus
2. to establish a BACCH webinar series to meet the learning objectives that are most difficult to achieve by on-the-job training alone
3. to consider the opportunities to provide BACCH short courses to provide in depth teaching on particular topics and the opportunity to meet colleagues face to face
4. to consider distance learning opportunities for elements of the Community Child Health curriculum that have international relevance.

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- Element 1 was completed when the Community Child Health curriculum was approved by the Executive Committee and Council in June 2025
- EC and Council agreed to invest in a new BACCH staff member to progress elements 2-4. The aim is for the post to be funded by revenue rather than reserves after a three-year period. The income streams to generate new revenue include short courses, regional meetings and potentially a distance learning programme (dependent on demand)
- After the contribution to funding this post, the financial model for short courses and distance learning will include profit-sharing between BACCH and any affiliate group involved in delivering the course.
- The new Education & Training Administrator joined BACCH in February 2026, and an update on the progress of the Education & Training strategy following her appointment will be provided in the Annual Report for 2026-27.

Trainee Events

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- Regular programme of short **weekly online trainee teaching events** implemented in 2025-26, running every Wednesday lunch time

- 4 longer online National Trainee Study Mornings held on: **Palliative Care for Community Child Health Trainees** (June 2025); Trainees' Choice, covering **sleep disorders**, **tone management, genetic panels**, and **assessing/supporting children with learning disabilities** (October 2025); **Public Health** (December 2025); **Child Sexual Abuse** (March 2026)

- 'How to be Brilliant' joint trainee day with BACD held in April 2026 had **63 attendees**

- Three training workshops (**CSAC Training Workshop**, **CCH START Assessment**, and **CVs and Consultant Interviews**) held at the 2025 ASM

Consultations & policy

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In 2025-26 BACCH:

- Produced a response to the **Nuffield Trust's report on community care waiting times** (October 2025)
- Produced a response to the **Kingdon Review into children's hearing services** (November 2025)
- Produced a response to a report by the Children's Commissioner for England on **children stuck in hospital due to lack of support in the community** (March 2026)

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BACCH also:

- Joined and attended meetings of the **Children & Young People's Health Policy Influencing Group** (HPIG)
- Attended quarterly liaison meetings with **RCPCH President and Policy Lead**
- Chaired **CYP Community Services Advisory Group**
- Attended **MSF Clinical Oversight Group** and **MSF Board**
- Attended meeting with DfE about **proposed SEND reforms**
- Attended meeting of **Independent Review into Mental Health Conditions, ADHD and Autism** Team
- Represented BACCH on RCPCH working group to update '**Making decisions to limit treatment in life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in children: a framework for practice (DtLT)'**

Research

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- In October 2025 Professor Michelle Heys stepped down as Chair of the BACCH Strategic Research Group and Dr Jo Garstang took over as Acting Chair.
- The group received a generous anonymous donation in the financial year 2023-24 ringfenced for a James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) identifying research priorities for children in care.
- The aims, objectives, scope and methods of the PSP have been determined and a Steering Group formed.
- The initial survey opened in April 2026, with findings from this due to be presented at the BACCH ASM in September 2026.
- A further update will be provided in the Annual Report for 2026-27.

SACCH Update

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- In June 2026, at SACCH's instigation, BACCH took over the activities and operations of SACCH and absorbed SACCH's remaining funds.

- The SACCH name will be retained for the purposes of organising events and promoting BACCH's activities in Scotland (and will be included in the accounts as a budget line going forward for income/expenditure on Scottish events.

- To reflect this, BACCH has registered as a charity in Scotland and is also seeking legal advice around amending the governing documents to allow the Chair of SACCH to become a BACCH Trustee. In the interim EC has approved co-opting the SACCH Chair Alison McLuckie to the role of assistant Convenor (a Trustee).

Remembering Dr Lisa Kauffman

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Goodbyes.....

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A BIG THANK YOU to those leaving BACCH roles:

- Dr Alice Setti (Treasurer)
- Prof Michelle Heys (SRG Chair)
- Dr Fatima George (SAS Rep)
- Dr Nivedita Bajaj, Dr Bunmi Lawson, Dr Christine Powell (Regional Coordinators)
- Dr Hannah Cooney, Dr Matthew Cox, Dr Natalie Garrod, Dr Megan Hartley, Dr Emma Murphy, Dr Jessica Thompson (Regional Trainee Reps)

..... and Hellos

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A BIG HELLO to those who have joined BACCH or changed roles since the last AGM:

- Dr Neal McCathie (Treasurer)
- Prof Doug Simkiss (Education & Training Rep)
- Dr Vicki Smith, Mrs Gill Middleditch and Dr Thushara Perumal (Deputy Academic Convenors)
- Dr Alison McLuckie (Assistant Convenor)
- Emma Grindrod (Education & Training Administrator)
- Dr Debalina Dasgupta, Dr Hilary Toulmin, Dr Carrie Williams, Dr Rachel Weerasinghe, Dr Ankit Mathur and Dr Prabhu Rajendran (Regional Coordinators)

Vacant Posts

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Are you interested in being more involved with BACCH?

Executive

No vacancies!

Regional:

- Regional Coordinators needed in **East Midlands, Northern England, Northern Ireland** and **Wessex**
- Regional Trainee Rep needed in **East Midlands**

Find out more:

www.bacch.org.uk/articles/category/26-nominations

Coming Up

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- Ongoing review of BACCH Vision and Strategic Objectives
- Progression of the Education & Training programme including the first short courses
- Save the date for next year's ASM – 15-16 September 2027 in Birmingham!

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Any questions?

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Finance & Membership Update
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Dr Alice Setti

Treasurer

Income 25-26

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total Funds £	2025 Total Funds* £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	12,572	-	12,572	11,759
Charitable activities:					
- Promotion and protection of child and family health	4	235,315	-	235,315	212,774
Other trading activities	5	1,560	-	1,560	782
Investments	6	2,621	93	2,714	3,900
Other income	7	40,528	-	40,528	39,552
Total incoming resources		**292,596**	**93**	**292,689**	**268,767**

Expenditure 25-26

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	2026 £	2025 £
On charitable activities		
Staff costs	79,607	56,524
Journal costs	9,000	9,000
ASM costs	48,292	54,137
Newsletter costs	18,019	17,153
Regional meeting costs	15,174	11,102
Trainee day costs	1,049	-
SACCH grant	-	500
Travel and accommodation	674	742
Strategic research group costs	-	45,994
Website and publicity costs	3,332	2,384
Council meeting expenses	189	279
Executive committee meeting expenses	189	279
Co-working agreement	14,643	15,475
Insurance	1,920	1,848
Bank and card charges	5,329	4,278
Sundry expenses	610	-
Accountancy	7,920	7,560
Legal and professional fees	34	34
	205,981	227,289
Other expenditure		
BACD recharge costs: salaries	35,928	36,384
BACD recharge costs: co-working agreement	4,557	3,125
CPSIG recharges	43	43
Donald Court Fund interest	93	118
	40,621	39,670
Total expenditure	**246,602**	**266,959**

Highlights

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- **Total funds carried forward** on 31 May 2026 were £246,700 (of which £7,578 were restricted funds), compared to £200,613 in 2025 (of which £7,578 was restricted).
- **Net income from events** (surplus from BACCH national, regional and trainee events) was £62,662, an increase on the 2023-24 figure of £43,531.
- **Membership subscription income** was £106,318, up just over £2k on the 2024-25. This is a smaller increase than last year, indicating that the increase in membership numbers may be slowing; we will monitor this over the coming year.
- **Gift Aid income** on membership subscriptions was £12,572, up from £11,759 in 2024-25.

Other Points to Note

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- **The overall surplus** for 2025-26 of **£46,087** is on paper significantly higher than 2024-25 (£1,808): however last year's low figure was largely due to the spending out of the one-off restricted donation received in FY 2023-24 towards the SRG's James Lind Process which resulted in a big restricted deficit last year.

- The unrestricted 2024-25 surplus was £42,233, giving an **actual increase in 2025-26 of just under £4,000**.

- **Staff costs** were just over £23k higher in 2025-26 as it was the first full year in which Lucy Doig was employed as Executive Officer; the employment of Emma Grindrod as Education & Training Administrator in February 2026 resulted in a further increase in the final quarter.

Membership

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- There were **134 new joiners** and **69 cancelled memberships** in 2025-6, most cancellations being due to retirement.
- An average of **11 new members** joined each month.
- On 31 May 2025 there were **1,119 members** (up from 1,107 in May 2025) including 252 trainee members and 75 medical students/FY doctors.
- Members are eligible to subscribe at a reduced rate to the journal *Child: Care, Health and Development* (published by Wiley) with **494 members** taking advantage of this offer.

Approval of Accounts

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Any questions before I ask members to approve the accounts for June 2025 – May 2026?

Updates from other officers

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- Brief oral updates from any other BACCH officers who are at the AGM