



Application Statements for BAPM Executive Committee 2024

Instructions

BAPM has received the following application statements from members wishing to join the Executive Committee. Please read the statements and cast your vote by completing the online form by **11:59pm, 11 August 2024**. All BAPM members will be emailed a link to the form to vote. If you have not received this please contact bapm@rcpch.ac.uk.

All ordinary BAPM members are entitled to vote in all categories. Votes will be counted by BAPM Office staff and will be treated completely confidentially.

President Elect (2 applications)

Dr Anoo Jain

Neonatal Consultant, University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

I would be delighted to offer my experience, drive and dedication to serve as President of BAPM.

As BAPM Treasurer, I have had the pleasure of working with our CEO, office team and the executive committee. This is a hugely talented and multi-professional group with a wealth of experience. As your President, I would harness this amazing force to advocate for our babies, families and members; seek areas to make further improvements in perinatal care; sustain and develop our strategic aims. I have been an NHS consultant since 2003 and have a balanced perspective in shaping the future of perinatal care. My experiences on the Neonatal Society executive committee for 8 years, clinical director of UHBristol NICU for 7 years, as an ambassador for Cots for Tots charity and as chairperson of our local negotiating committee give me a firm foundation to develop a multidisciplinary team and improve the experience of families and their babies. These roles give me a unique range of experience as a clinician, leader and manager in a national committee and within a Trust that can support BAPM objectives. As clinical director of NICU I was privileged to develop and implement tangible changes in our whole team culture, working environment and clinical practice for all our benefit. I am the chair of Trustees for a UK based charity (Frankwater) and understand the necessary responsibilities that the Charities Commission expect of a trustee and charity.

It would be an honour to serve as your President.

Dr Stephen Wardle

Consultant Neonatologist, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham

I have been a consultant neonatologist in Nottingham since 2001 and was service lead (2009-2016). I have worked hard to try to bring about service change regionally and am interested in the organisation of neonatal care, giving me a good understanding of perinatal issues from a local, regional and national perspective.

I have a doctorate (MD) from University of Liverpool and am keen to promote research in neonatology. I am involved in teaching and training and am a Course Director for NLS.

I am a strong BAPM supporter, as a member for many years, then serving on the BAPM executive committee as deputy then regional representative (2013-2019), then as Honorary Secretary (2019-2023). I have chaired and written BAPM frameworks for practice and contributed to many others and represented BAPM at many national meetings.

As Honorary Secretary I led on developing the programme for annual and spring conferences, have been involved with many webinars and presentations on behalf of BAPM. I have chaired sessions and presented at recent BAPM conferences. I hold the record for appearances on BAPM annual conference photos!

During my time on the BAPM EC I worked with members of EC, officers and staff to help build membership, increase website content, build attendance at conferences, increase collaboration with other perinatal groups and increase member involvement and representation.



I would like to continue the fantastic work of BAPM developing frameworks for practice, setting standards, web resources, providing educational material and webinars and hosting conferences. Collaborative working with other perinatal, neonatal nursing, neonatal surgical and AHP professional groups is important and would like to build on this and see BAPM build its role advocating for parents and neonatal professionals.

Representative for LNUs and SCUs (4 applications)

Dr David Bartle

Consultant Neonatal Paediatrician, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital

The vast majority of neonatal care in the UK occurs in an LNU or SCU setting: the voice of all of us who work in these settings is vital. I am currently working as a consultant in Exeter, a large LNU that is aligned with North Devon SCU.

I am extremely proud of the local achievements and prominence we have kept as an LNU. We have been among the top 3 units for 3 consecutive years for optimal cord management and have just launched an innovative project with early transition to oral antibiotics for neonates leading to discharge home 3 days earlier. I have designed and run a regional neonatal simulation training day on stepping up to registrar that has run for 12 years.

BAPM is an organisation which can support teams across the UK to deliver the best neonatal care. I have been involved in several BAPM projects. I was the LNU/ SCU rep for the difficult airway working group that published the framework "Managing the Difficult Airway in the Neonate" as well as the LNU/ SCU rep for the recently published "BAPM Neonatal Airway Safety Standard". I have been on the judging panel for the GOPI Menon BAPM awards on 3 occasions. I have found these projects fascinating and influential, an honour to be a part of.

If I am elected to be the LNU/ SCU rep for BAPM I would ensure that I would be a voice for and support non NIC units in staffing and innovation.

Sally Dunn

Trainee Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital

I am a trainee ANNP at the end of my 2nd year and I am passionate about being involved in developments surrounding LNUs and SCBUs. I want to work collectively with experienced professionals to gain knowledge that I can also implement in my own practice in my place of work to help improve the service I deliver to both patients and staff development. I have a strong interest in developing a role with BAPM as my career develops and will be proactive in taking part in analysing and developing services at a national level to improve the care delivered in the UK.

Dr Katharine McDevitt

Consultant Paediatrician, Peterborough City Hospital

I have been a Consultant at Peterborough City Hospital (LNU) for 12 years and Clinical Lead for the last 7. We are a merged Trust with Hinchingsbrooke Hospital (SCBU) with c 6500 births cross site. I have always been closely involved with the ODN and was a panel member for the national Peer Reviews prior to the pandemic.

The vast majority of babies in the UK are born in a unit with an LNU or SCBU without a specialist fetal medicine service and I believe that getting both ante and postnatal care right in these units is what will make the greatest difference to national neonatal outcomes. We face a workforce challenge with shorter training times and fewer opportunities for acquired skills. We are a data driven service and yet many EPR systems fail to capture NNAP data without significant manual input particularly in smaller LNUs and SCBUs. In all these challenges I believe that BAPM

can be a strong voice in driving forward joint working with obstetrics and midwives, setting training standards and ensuring EPRs are sufficiently robust for automatically capturing and generating the data needed to continually improve care.

As LNU/SCBU neonatal paediatricians we are uniquely placed as most of us are general paediatricians with a specialist interest and can follow these children and families from antenatal counselling until transition into adulthood. I passionately believe in this continuity of care and that BAPM neonatal frameworks must reflect the unique skills and viewpoints we bring to neonatal services.

Dr Prakash Thiagarajan

Consultant Paediatrician & Neonatologist, Noble's Hospital, Isle of Man

I am a passionate advocate for newborns and their families and believe that availability of high quality neonatal care everywhere in the British Isles is a fundamental right. I led the business case, design and commissioning of our Local Neonatal Unit in the Isle of Man and led our efforts to join the NNAP and NDAU. I wish to represent the LNUs and SCUs, particularly those in remote & rural areas within BAPM.

Networks Representative (3 applications)

Dr Grenville Fox

Consultant Neonatologist, Guy's & St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

I have been a Consultant Neonatologist since 1996 and Clinical Director of the London Neonatal ODN since 2015. I have also been a member of the Neonatal Critical Care (NCC) Clinical Reference Group (CRG) for NHS England since 2016 and have led on models of care for the NCC Transformation Review and current NCC Service Specification for NHS England.

My current role with the London Neonatal ODN has been one of the most positive experiences of my career so far, liaising with multi-disciplinary teams across 27 hospital sites with operational and transformational challenges but with opportunities to improve outcomes for babies and their families. I passionately believe that neonatal networks are critical to the continued development of high quality neonatal services in the UK health service.

I have previous experience on the BAPM Executive Committee as a regional representative from 2013-2018 and have continued to contribute to BAPM QI and educational work since then. It was a privilege to be able to work with such a forward looking organisation and believe that I made a positive contribution during that time including chairing working groups and educational sessions.

Given the opportunity to rejoin the BAPM Executive Committee as the Networks representative, I would bring experience from my current and previous local, regional and national roles, commitment and strategic leadership, as well as effective networking.

Dr Ajit Kumar Mahaveer

Consultant Neonatologist, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester

This role presents an opportunity to influence national standards, support high-quality innovative practices, encourage research, and speak out for the needs of babies and their families. My extensive experience, strategic vision, and commitment to the neonatal community make me well-suited to contribute to BAPM's strategic plans and effectively represent neonatal networks across the UK.

As the Clinical Lead for the Northwest Neonatal ODN and Clinical Head of Division of Newborn Services at Manchester Foundation Trust, I will bring substantial experience to the BAPM Executive Committee role representing neonatal networks across the UK. Over the past four years, I have chaired meetings with providers, LMNS, and specialist commissioners, as well as led the NCCR review in the Northwest, ensuring engagement from providers and families.

In my role, I contributed to BAPM's "Consultants Working Pattern" working group, proposing critical recommendations on job planning, safety, resilience, and learning. My leadership in delivering the Northwest conference and cooling study days, as well as chairing the Cooling Specialist Interest Group, demonstrates my commitment to education. Together, we developed network-wide guidelines for cooling, hypotension, and seizures.

Representing the NWNODN at national network meetings, I have consistently advocated for our region's issues. My leadership in the Genedrive (PALOH) implementation project in Greater Manchester showcases my strategic

planning and innovation skills. My compassionate leadership and alignment with BAPM's values underscore my dedication to representing neonatal networks, ensuring our work remains relevant and beneficial to our members.

Dr Vimal Vasu

Consultant Neonatologist, William Harvey Hospital

BAPM member voices are vital to the delivery of BAPM's mission and strategic aims and if we are to further develop safe, high quality, evidence based neonatal services in the UK.

I am applying for the role of BAPM networks representative as an NHS Consultant Neonatologist of 15 years. If elected, one of my first actions would be to reach out directly to each neonatal network leadership team to offer to join their Network education/governance days to understand how BAPM can support the neonatal networks and further develop robust lines of communication. I would bring enthusiasm, a fresh set of eyes and would commit the necessary time to work collaboratively with my BAPM EC members and networks to help ensure that all network voices are sought and represented.

During my career, I have developed a wide portfolio of skills and knowledge about neonatal care/services along with a working knowledge of both BAPM itself and how the UK Neonatal Networks function. Roles have included:

- Representing the UK Neonatal Collaborative on the Neonatal Data Analysis Steering group
- Being part of BAPM working groups
- Being paediatric/neonatal lead for research for the Kent, Surrey & Sussex CRN
- Being a clinical lead for neonatal services in my Trust
- Being involved in a review of maternity services both as a reviewer and as part of an organisation under review
- Working for an NGO in global child health
- Organising national neonatal conferences

Quality Lead (3 applications)

Dr Choudhary Maqsood Jalil

Speciality Doctor, Ysbyty Gwennydd Hospital

I am working in a Level 1 unit. I am obsessed to improve care in level 1-2, hence I can suggest, communicate and share with various units to improve care of babies.

Dr Amitava Sur

Consultant Neonatologist, Burnley General Teaching Hospital

Through my career in neonatology I have been involved in quality improvement endeavours. Training in 3 different continents has provided me a unique and wider perspective to approach towards quality. I have had the opportunity to serve as a member of the BAPM Quality Steering Group in the last tenure where I have had an insight and perspective into the principles of the role. During this period, I have had the opportunity to chair the "BPD prevention toolkit"- targeting a neonatal outcome priority. I have contributed as co-author to previous BAPM toolkits on "Building successful perinatal teams" and "Optimal cord management".

I also sit on the NNAP Methodology and dataset group, a MDT collaborative aimed at aiding the project board to refine data metrics, agree on developmental standards and shape key national recommendations.

I currently act as the medical education lead for the North West neonatal network and as departmental QI and research lead. At the core of both these roles lies developing and improving quality resources guided by signals arising from clinical effectiveness and governance. I have been closely involved in training and development of perinatal optimisation locally and regionally in liaison with MatNeo group. Currently, I am involved in developing regional expertise with volume targeted ventilation and airway management in LNU and SCUs as a response to the higher regional BPD incidence and the BAPM Airway framework.

The above experiences provide me with perspective and reaffirm that lack of standardisation and unwanted variability is a key impediment to outcome improvement and that early signal recognition and context should guide quality improvement for best results.

I will consider it a great privilege to be selected as the Quality lead and continue the exceptional work done by predecessors under BAPM's vision of improvement.

Dr Chantelle Tomlinson

Consultant Neonatologist, Nottingham University Hospitals

As an active member of the Quality Steering Group, I have taken part in projects spanning web resource development, teaching packages, optimisation and more. The chance to learn from and with such dedicated colleagues has prompted me to apply for the role of Quality Lead. Quality and Safety has been my evolving true north as a trainee and now consultant.

I currently lead our Trust's multi-professional fellowship programme for Quality and Safety priorities. We oversee fellowships for diverse professional groups and co-supervise a panel of projects across varied clinical areas. I find the diversity, bespoke structure and collaboration within this role utterly fulfilling. I have secured several generous

funding awards from the Churchill Fellowship, allowing me international QI experience in areas of extreme preterm care and systems improvement. This has progressed from a travelling fellowship whilst a grid trainee, to an award supporting the 2024 National NeoTRIPS QI project focussing on early breast milk. My role as NeoTRIPS supporting QI consultant has allowed me to support and champion an exceptional team in their Quality learning, and capacity for project delivery. The team run national webinars, are imminently running their first national conference and I couldn't be more proud of their achievements.

My goal is to build on the tremendous foundations of previous Quality teams, uniting the quality work streams even more closely with NeoTRIPS and other high value bodies. My own prior roles as a leadership fellow focussing on simulation and MDT human factors training, and network lead for education have allowed me to creatively map curricula and tailor MDT projects in quality themes. I would like to guide delivery of a united quality and education agenda that describes a comprehensive offering for the neonatal MDT to help drive training and project standards sustainably. The strides in perinatal optimisation in recent years will provide a strong framework from which to build. I am committed to supporting and guiding the Quality team to execute high value, targeted, measurable projects across the four nations.

Research Lead (3 applications)

Dr Prakash Kannan Loganathan

Neonatal Consultant, James Cook University Hospital

I have been a neonatal consultant at James Cook University Hospital since 2018 and have been working as consultant in the United Kingdom for the last 9 years. As a full time, NHS Consultant, I provide tertiary neonatal Intensive Care services. I have successfully obtained research grant worth more than 100K GBP and published more than 10 original articles. I received support from NIHR to complete Postgraduate certification in Clinical Research from University of Newcastle (completed with merit). I have been awarded the green shoot Young Investigators award by NIHR CRN for the year 2018. I successfully completed and published many prospective studies, retrospective studies, systematic reviews, and quality improvements projects. I hold an honorary associate lecturer post at Newcastle University and visiting fellow at Durham University. I have completed many undergraduate, postgraduate, and post-doctoral projects in collaboration with Durham, Northumbrian, and Teesside University.

I would like to gain more experience in understanding nationwide research operations and infra-structure. I would like to focus on research alliance working and collaboration. Personally, this post would allow me to collaborate with other units and make some real change in the care of newborns.

Dr Sarah McCullough

Neonatal Consultant, Royal Oldham Hospital

I have over 15 years' experience in neonatology, 11 years of that being as a consultant neonatologist at a tertiary neonatal unit.

My interest in research first began when I undertook my BSc in Biochemistry. I tried to maintain this interest throughout my training, but this was difficult with the pressures of speciality training. When I became a neonatal consultant at a newly formed tertiary level unit I became the research lead. My neonatal unit now participates in several NIHR studies and provides mentors for the NIHR Associate PI scheme.

I am Deputy Director of Research and Innovation at Royal Oldham hospital and have used this role to raise the profile of research for the Northern Care Alliance Trust.

I am part of the NIHR CRN Neonatal Clinical Studies Group. This role helps to develop and oversee the NIHR CRN Children's portfolio of studies, to propose and develop new trials, to consider proposed studies and to advise the NIHR CRN Children Specialty Group.

I strongly believe that any healthcare professional should be allowed to participate in and develop their research experience and competencies. I also believe that every baby and their family should have the choice to participate in research in any unit.

BAPM's vision is for every baby and their family to receive the highest standard of perinatal care. Participating in research can help to achieve this vision and I would embrace the opportunity to be involved in helping BAPM to raise the profile of research in the neonatal community.

Prof Shalini Ojha

Professor of Neonatal Medicine, Royal Derby Hospital

Research is the key to improving and advancing clinical care, but patient benefit can only be delivered if researchers, clinicians, and families work together to implement evidence into practice.

I am a Professor of Neonatal Medicine. My research focuses on interventions that could improve nutrition and reduce risk of necrotising enterocolitis (NEC). Many BAPM members have contributed to the successful recruitment to the FEED1 trial which I lead. The delivery of this trial has been exemplary of our collective spirit to improve care through research that is directly relevant to clinical practice. Other projects that I lead are investigating ways to improving mother's own milk feeding and reduction in risk of NEC through implementation of evidence-based practice and evaluation of drug use and respiratory support in preterm babies across the UK through the use of national data.

I believe that another vital component of my role is to train the next generation of academics. As the Paediatric Academic Training Programme Director in East Midlands and the lead for the Nottingham NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow programme, I support trainees in their journey into research.

As a consultant neonatologist in Derby my primary focus remains on patient care. With the East Midlands ODN and BAPM I have enjoyed working on guidelines and quality improvement initiatives including BAPM working groups for hypoglycaemia and NEWTT2.

I believe that BAPM has an important role in leading research and innovation in perinatal care as laid out in its strategy. I have the clinical and academic credentials for this role but, more importantly, I will work with families and colleagues and reach out to those who are often overlooked in research. Working with doctors, ANNPs, nurses, all allied health professionals, and most importantly families we can establish high quality perinatal care and ensure we advocate for all our colleagues and for babies and their families.

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