

Nanopreterm September Newsletter

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It has been a busy year for the BAPM Nanopreterm Specialist Interest Group, with growing membership, regional roadshows across the UK, dedicated sessions at the BAPM Annual Conference and increasing international interest.

Just one year after its launch, 23% of all BAPM members have joined the Nanopreterm SIG. Membership is evenly spread across consultants, resident/SAS doctors and other neonatal professionals, with also interest from BAPM members outside the UK. It is fantastic to see such strong multidisciplinary engagement as we build a community focused on improving care for babies born at 22 and 23 weeks and their families.

Regional Roadshows

Our Nanopreterm Regional Roadshows have brought teams together to share experiences, challenges and learning from caring for babies born at 22 and 23 weeks.

Scotland kicked off the series in March with our inaugural roadshow, led by Anne-Marie Heuchan and Lynsey Still. This was followed by London in April, led by Claire Howarth; the South West in May, led by Richard Wach; and Kent, Surrey and Sussex in June, led by Shaveta Mulla.

A huge thank you to our regional leads and everyone who has contributed. The sessions have brought together the wider perinatal multidisciplinary team for open and practical discussions spanning antenatal decision-making, preparation for birth, delivery room and neonatal care, and support for families.

We are bringing together learning from each region to share good practice, understand variation and identify priorities for future guidance, research and service development.

Coming next

The roadshows will continue through the autumn, with more opportunities for multidisciplinary teams to share their experience:

- **29 October** - Thames Valley and Wessex, led by Magali Dubus, 2.00-3.30pm
- **November** - Birmingham, led by Sebastian Brown – date and time TBC
- **4 December** - Liverpool, led by Alex Cleator, 2.00-3.30pm

We hope colleagues from across the perinatal multidisciplinary team will join us as we continue to build this UK-wide community.

BAPM Annual Conference

We are delighted that Nanopreterm will feature prominently at the **BAPM Annual Conference** in Nottingham, 15- 7 September, with two sessions dedicated to care at 22 and 23 weeks.

1) Nanopreterm Pre-conference Workshop - 15 September

22-23 week counselling & delivery room management and decision-making

Our dedicated interactive pre-conference workshop will explore the clinical, practical and ethical challenges of caring for babies born at 22 and 23 weeks.

Sessions will cover ethical decision-making and transfer, parental counselling, multidisciplinary team preparation and communication, comfort-focused and survival-focused care, and practical airway and laryngoscopy skills. The emphasis throughout will be on multidisciplinary learning and practical approaches that teams can take back to their own units.

2) Panel discussion: Should we, and can we, further centralise care for infants born at the earliest gestations? 17 September

As survival-focused care becomes increasingly established, the panel will consider whether expertise should be concentrated in fewer centres or developed across all NICUs caring for extremely preterm babies. We hope this will generate a lively discussion about how UK services should evolve as care at 22 and 23 weeks continues to develop.

Nanopreterm - a growing international profile

Interest in UK experience at 22 and 23 weeks is extending beyond the UK. At the 52nd Annual Meeting of the German Society for Neonatology and Paediatric Intensive Care Medicine (GNPI 2026) in Mannheim, Dr Cheryl Battersby and Dr David Quine (see below) contributed to a dedicated session on optimising care and outcomes for babies born at 22 weeks.

Meet our Nanopreterm Secretary - Dr David Quine

Dr David Quine is a Consultant Neonatologist at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Secretary of the BAPM Nanopreterm SIG.

David has a longstanding interest in extremely preterm care. He previously chaired a Scottish neonatal network working group developing guidance for babies born at 22+0 to 23+6 weeks and co-chairs the Scottish Neonatal Guideline Steering Group.

He is actively involved in neonatal research, including the UK 22 Week Study, and is a researcher or local PI across several national studies. His research interests include oxygen targeting and bronchopulmonary dysplasia, and he has previously contributed to NICE specialist neonatal respiratory care guidance and BAPM work on reducing BPD.

Most recently, David presented “Current challenges in the treatment of the tiny baby” at GNPI 2026 in Mannheim, contributing the UK perspective to the growing international discussion around care at the limits of viability.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Nanopreterm community during its first year. Please contact your regional representatives if you would like to get more involved with Nanopreterm.

We hope to see many of you at the [BAPM Annual Conference](#) in September and at our forthcoming regional roadshows.

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