



# Primary Health Care Specialist Group of BCS

## Chairman's Report 2016

Membership has remained steady over the year with some new members joining.

The committee has met on four occasions in London during the year. We introduced the idea of the starting with a discussion on a national topic and where required a response to a consultation. We have responded to three consultations: The role of the National Data Guardian, the GMC's revised guidance for doctors on confidentiality and Dame Fiona Caldicott's Review of Data Security, consent and opt outs.

We have successfully moved the website from its previous incarnation on an external server, which required time and effort to update to the BCS server. This has been a relatively painless process thanks to sterling work by Mary Hawking, collating all the content and the BCS web team, who have been a delight to work with. They brought all the content across and are very responsive in getting new content up. We would like to record our thanks to them. So we hope that this will now be an active relevant site, the front window to the group. We are well aware that it needs to be maintained.

We have engaged with the BCS Health executive and JR has attended two meetings. We note the appointment of a new chair Andy Kinnear and are honored to welcome him to our AGM and conference this year. He has introduced monthly telephone meetings which we hope to be able to attend more regularly next year. The chair will attend the next face to face meeting in November.

We have attended the JGPITC meetings through the year and contributed to the discussions. We were asked to put someone forward for the Impact Assessment Panel (IAP). We wrote to the HSCIC expressing our concern that these important roles were not being remunerated and this needed to be recognized if primary care input was to happen.

Since then I have been appointed to the SNOMED expert reference group for JGPITC and will attend the SCCI committee with two hats on, for the JGPITC and RCGP from October 2106 both of which will be funded.

CLICSIG meetings. There have been three this year. The first in Oxford looked at "A patient record for the 21st century". The second in Newcastle explored how an audit trail might be kept of a shared care record view. Third was a joint meeting with NEDHIS the Dutch GP informatics group in Amsterdam. We were extremely well looked after by our hosts, who put on an excellent meeting with discussion about SNOMED, FHIR and a chance to compare clinical systems.

We have maintained a presence at national conferences. Members of the committee attended EHI live in November and manned a stand. We presented a session on SNOMED at eHealth week at Olympia in April. We are scheduled to present a day stream at EHI Live this year and we are also



putting on an educational evening at the University of Hertfordshire organized through the local BCS group with a good number of GPs booked to attend.

Ian Herbert and Beverley Ellis spoke to the Computer Conservation Society branch of BCS in November 2015 on the history of Primary Care computing, supported by Mary Hawking.

We have perhaps been disappointed by the slow progress of the professionalization agenda. However we are now beginning to see this gaining traction. This will be both an opportunity and a challenge to the group as we move forward. The development of a clinical faculty may encourage clinicians to move in that direction. I believe that one of our great strengths is that we are open to all disciplines and we should work hard to ensure that continues or informatics and by extension the NHS will be worse off.

Finally I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work during the year. I would like to single out Beverley Ellis who is standing down as secretary after many years. She has been the glue holding us together and we owe her an enormous debt for all the hard work she has done. I'd also like to thank Rob Morrow who is standing down as Vice chair for his support and involvement. I'm delighted he is standing for the committee again. My thanks also to Alison Bourke and Maggie Lay who are standing down this year.