

Primary Health Care Specialist Group

Chair's Annual Report 2022

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Thanks to Dr John Robinson, immediate past chair and the rest of the committee for helping me in my first year as Chair. The following summarises activities during the year:

- Attending the BCS Health and Care Executive on behalf of the group – this provides an important link into the rest of the BCS and also into other aspects of health and care IT. The H&CE ran a number of successful webinars on business process mapping and continue to be very supportive of PHCSG providing 4 bursaries for attendance at the 2022 conference
- Julie Bailey the BCS lead for Health and Care has been very helpful introducing me to other BCS groups(e.g. project management, cyber security) so that we can build relationships and consider how we could work together. Julie is also responsible for the organisational group membership which may provide some opportunity for promoting the work of PHCSG.
- Our key contact Sarah Brice has moved on within the BCS and has been replaced by Marie Setterfield. Both have been helpful in organising the webinar, CLICSIG and conference by setting up Eventbrite and helping us get updates onto the website.

Committee

It has been a year of change for the group as John Robinson stepped down as Chair and Roz Foads resigned from her role organising the conference last year, additionally there have been a number of resignations throughout the year:

- Dr Robert Treharne Jones resigned from the committee in May. Robert has been an active member of the group for many years, over a quarter of a century, I understand. He will be sorely missed for his incisive perspective and the ease with which he commands a room. We thank him for his contribution and look forward to seeing him at many conferences in the future.
- Lauren Fensome resigned as secretary in June; we thank her for her contribution.
- We welcome Dr Ralph Akyea to the group, Ralph was voted in as our early Career and inclusion representative in December 2021.
- The majority of committee meetings have taken place remotely and that is likely

to continue given budgetary constraints.

- Discourse continues to be available for all to access although it is not very active. We started to investigate if this channel should be integrated with other primary care digital channels on the platform and will continue these conversations during the year.
- As John reported last year, we are the primary care group of the FCI and in that capacity have run a stream at their annual scientific conference in June.
 - o Their contribution to this year's conference has been to accredit both days for CPD.
 - o A number of us recently held a meeting with the new CEO to consider how we could work better together. This will be explored further in the next few months.
- PHCSG has a seat on JGPIT committee which I have started to attend. Many of the issues of the day are discussed here and it affords us the opportunity to represent the concerns of those at the front line in primary care.
- The table below summarises all of the activities during the past year which would not have happened without the support of the committee.
- A huge amount of time has gone into organising the Education Day, AGM and Conference for this year; we have surpassed numbers from previous years with more than 60 attendees expected for the Education Day and 55 for the conference. Many thanks to the conference organising committee for their help with this however I must single out Jennie Johnson and Grizelda Moules for all of their work with the minutiae of the event. I'd also like to thank Richard Williams for taking on the Awards and managing that process so well. None of the events would happen without their support and time investment.

During next year, we aim to

- Continue to deliver our programme of activities and in so doing raise the profile of the BCS PHCSG growing membership;
 - o We plan to continue to award prizes, bursaries and host webinars, CLICSIGS, the Education Day and conference during 2022/23.
- Refine our USP in conjunction with the BCS and H&CE teams so that we can differentiate ourselves from other similar groups; and
- Consider how we reduce the management burden to optimise the time input from

our active committee.

Activities	Additional Comments
1. Conference, AGM and Education Day Event October 2021	First face to face event post COVID with a mixture of online and in person presentations.
2. John Perry and Early Career Prize – Awarded October 2021:	<p>Last year's recipients were</p> <p>2021: Dr Julia Hippisley-Cox: COVID-19 Population Risk Assessment, powered by QCOVID®</p> <p>The 2021 Early Career Award was presented to Dr Ralph Akyea for his work in the application of machine learning to assist with the detection of familial hypercholesterolaemia in primary care.</p>
4. Webinar 25 th March 2022. <i>Is remote patient monitoring the future for digital primary care?</i>	<p>Well attended – 26 BCS members and 56 non BCS members in attendance.</p> <p>https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2022/march/webinar-is-remote-patient-monitoring-the-future-for-digital-primary-care/</p>
5. CLICSIG meeting on 13 th March 2022. <i>The impact of COVID 19 on PC Health Informatics.</i>	Thanks to Jennie Johnson and Dr Dai Evans for organising a successful event in York this year.
7. Travel Awards	Awarded two travel awards to attend MIE in Geneva at the end of May. Plan to award another 2 next year.
8. FCI annual scientific conference – 16 th June 2022. <i>Measuring demand in general practice – a view from three countries.</i>	We were delighted to host this short instructional course which was chaired by Dr Neill Jones with short presentations from Miriam Lemar, Dr Stephen Black, Dr Kees van Boven, Dr Diego Schrans