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British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

2025 | Annual Report

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President's Report

Dr Keith Lindley



This is my third and final report as President of the Society before handing over the reins to our Incoming President, and host of our annual meeting this year, David Campbell. Many exciting things within the Society have happened over the last 3 years and I feel privileged to have been a part of these changes. Council published a BSPGHAN strategy following our Windsor meeting in 2023 and I can report that we have delivered substantially on each and every strategic goal. Indeed the speed of our progress was such that last Autumn Council held a further strategy day to formulate a new strategy which will be launched at our annual meeting in Newcastle.

I have been a member of our Society for over 30 years during which time it has been transformed into an organisation which sets standards and promotes / facilitates education of its members. Despite a small membership (approximately 450) the Society had found the means to continue to contribute to research funding and to heavily subsidise educational activities of our AHP members and trainees. I believe that the educational quality of our annual meeting is now world class, and I hope that this flagship meeting will continue to evolve.

I cannot step down as President without thanking all the members of Council during my tenure who have tirelessly devoted time and energy to their tasks during this 3-year period. As well as thanking the executive for their support and wisdom I would like to extend my thanks to each and every member of Council for their commitment to the Society and for delivering on their respective goals. Their annual reports follow this introduction, and it would be remiss of me to single out individual contributions.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jennie and her team at Sovereign for supporting the Society so professionally. In the three years since Sovereign took over the Society's administration there have been a multitude of improvements in the background which many of you might not have noticed but which have greatly facilitated the transformation of the Society.

It has been a privilege to have served as President of the Society and I am delighted to be handing over to David who I know is energised to take over following our Annual Meeting. I wish you all an enjoyable and fruitful meeting in Newcastle.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

Dr Keith Lindley

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Convenor's Report

Dr Astor Rodrigues

As I approach the completion of my second year as Convenor of the British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (BSPGHAN), it is a privilege to reflect on the significant achievements we have accomplished as a society over the past year. I am delighted to share some of these milestones, which underscore our commitment to advancing paediatric gastroenterology through education, research, and collaboration.



Collaborative Efforts and Educational Initiatives

One of the highlights of this year has been our close collaboration with the British Society for Paediatric & Adolescent Dermatology (BSPAD) in preparing an exceptional program for the upcoming Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) meeting in Glasgow on Thursday, 27th March 2025 (13:30–15:45). This joint session promises to be a standout event, featuring high-quality presentations from distinguished speakers. These include Prof David Wilson on *Orofacial Granulomatosis and Mouth Ulcers*, Dr Edward Gaynor on *Eosinophilic Oesophagitis – Top Tips for Assessing GI Allergic Diseases in Clinical Practice*, and Dr Tess McPherson on *TNF- α Induced Psoriasiform Dermatitis & Reactive Rashes*. The session will also include stimulating oral presentations and informative poster displays. I highly encourage all members to attend this session, as it will undoubtedly provide valuable insights and foster interdisciplinary learning.

Contributions to National Healthcare Initiatives

I am delighted to have represented BSPGHAN on the *Task and Finish Group* that developed The National Diagnostic Pathway for Lower GI Symptoms. This initiative, aimed at primary care healthcare professionals, is designed to support the early diagnosis of gastrointestinal conditions. The completed project is accessible online www.whatsupwithmygut.org.uk/healthcare. Additionally, our work has been recognized with acceptance for publication as a commentary in *The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology*, a testament to the quality and impact of this initiative.

Constitutional Reforms and Governance

Following the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held virtually on 20th January 2025, several important amendments to BSPGHAN's constitution were discussed and ratified. These changes include:

- Encouraging new members to complete the Equality & Diversity Inclusion Form to promote inclusivity within the society
- Introducing a local award to be decided and implemented by the local organizing team of BSPGHAN's annual conference
- Modifying funding arrangements for meetings and educational events in alignment with the updated Code of Conduct

The minutes of the EGM provide further details on these amendments, which reflect our ongoing commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and effective governance.

Achievements in Education, Research, and Collaboration

This year, BSPGHAN has continued to excel in delivering high-quality education and research, as well as fostering partnerships with charities and other professional societies. Our various working groups have made remarkable progress, and each chair will be presenting their respective achievements in due course.

The Zoom Education Series remains a resounding success, attracting both national and international speakers and achieving strong participation from our members. Additionally, our Intestinal Failure and Rehabilitation Meetings and the National Challenging GI Cases Forum have been highly effective platforms for knowledge exchange and professional development.

Acknowledgments and Gratitude

Serving as Convenor for a second year has been an immensely rewarding experience, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work closely with the executive team. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Keith Lindley for his systematic and efficient working style, and to Dharam Basude for his astute budgetary acumen, which has been instrumental in guiding our financial decisions. Special recognition goes to Jennie and the Sovereign admin team for their unwavering and prompt support, which has been invaluable to our operations.

I am also profoundly grateful to all the dedicated members of the Council, the working groups, and the broader BSPGHAN membership for their hard work and commitment. Finally, I would like to commend the conference organising committee in Newcastle for their exceptional efforts in delivering a superb academic and social program.

BSPGHAN continues to be a leading force in paediatric gastroenterology, and I am confident that our society will build on these successes in the years to come. Thank you all for your support, dedication, and contributions to our shared mission.

Dr Astor Rodrigues - convenor@bspghan.org.uk

Treasurer's Report

Dr Dharam Basude

Dear BSPGHAN Members,

Wishing you all a joyful and refreshing spring! After an incredible 2024 meeting in Bristol, I am excited to welcome you to Newcastle for the 2025 annual gathering. It is a privilege to serve as your Treasurer, and I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and guidance of Dr. Keith Lindley and Dr. Astor Rodrigues. My heartfelt thanks also go to Jennie Mort and Peter Hill for their invaluable expertise and efficiency—without them, navigating this role would have been far more challenging.



Membership Update

The strength of our society lies in its active membership. We currently have:

- Full Members: 291
- Overseas Members: 9
- Honorary Members: 17
- Associate Members: 114

The membership fee structure remains unchanged since 1st April 2023:

- Full Members: £125
- Associate Members: £25
- Overseas Members: £41
- Honorary Members: £0
- Student Members: £0

Financial Summary

I have aimed to follow a similar format for the report to last year, providing as much information as possible. Please accept my apologies if any details are missing and hope we can discuss this further in the AGM.

Statement of Accounts

Approved by the Council, the accounts have been filed with the Charity Commission alongside the Charity Annual Return. Copies are available on the Charity Commission website (www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission) using the Society's charity number: **299294**.

Financial Overview (Last Three Years)

Accounted Years	2020-21	2022-23	2023-24
Total Income	£80,764	£334,895	£237,238
Total Expenditure	£68,317	£275,270	£230,800
Net Income	£12,447	£59,625	£6,438

The Society maintains **total unrestricted reserves of £382,062** (2023: £375,624), ensuring financial stability. BSPGHAN regularly reviews its reserve levels and maintains at least **£50,000** to cover uncertainties, reduced income, inflation, and any unforeseen cancellation of an annual meeting.

Income and Expenditure Details

- **Membership Fees:** £29,917 (2023: £37,303). This decrease reflects the loss of temporary members, retirements, and overseas memberships since the renewed membership fees.
- **38th Annual Meeting (Bristol 2024):** Generated an income of **£151,899**, with generous sponsorships contributing **£62,750**. Due to increased costs compared to pre-COVID years (£123,285), the surplus was **£28,614**, of which **25%** is allocated to the local organising team.
- **Trainees' Meeting:** Continues to be fully supported, incurring a cost of **£9,494**.

Administration and Services

- **BSPGHAN Administration:** Jennie Mort and Sian (Sovereign Conference, Exhibitions & Travel Incentives Ltd) have provided efficient administrative support since February 2022 at **£2,184/month (£26,208/year)**, excluding additional costs for BSPGHAN meetings and travel expenses.
- **Frontline Gastroenterology:** Online access remains free for all BSPGHAN members, incurring an annual expenditure of **£10,240 (£20 per member)**.

Research and Grants

BSPGHAN continues to support research through joint funding with **Guts UK** and the **BSPGHAN Innovation and BIG Grants**. Last year's contributions total **£44,863**, including:

- **BSPGHAN/BSG Joint Grant:** £4,942 (towards a total project cost of £18,000) for the JLA PSP project on Digital Health Technology for Adolescents with IBD.
- **BSPGHAN/Guts UK Grant:** £14,960 (towards a total of £29,921), awarded to two translational or proof-of-concept projects.

Sponsorship Deals

We are grateful to the following pharmaceutical companies for their continued sponsorship:

- **Ferring Pharmaceuticals Ltd:** £10,000/year (+VAT) **Gold Sponsorship (2025-2028)**.
- **Dr Falk Pharma UK Ltd:** £6,000/year (+VAT) **Silver Sponsorship (2023-2026)**.
- **Albireo:** £10,000/year (no VAT) **Gold Sponsorship (2022-2025)**.

Support for Educational Meetings

BSPGHAN pledges **£5,000 per annum** (up to **£2,000 per meeting**) for national educational meetings. This contributed to the successful **joint BAPEN-BSPGHAN meeting on intestinal failure**.

Additional Updates

- **One Drive:** BSPGHAN continues to use **One Drive** for secure storage of past, present, and future data.
- **VAT Registration:** BSPGHAN is VAT-registered under the partial exemption method, allowing for VAT recovery. It does mean that BSPGHAN has to charge VAT on majority of its income including membership fees.
- **Expense Claims:** The process is now fully electronic, with BACS payments made promptly. Guidelines and claim forms are available on the BSPGHAN website.
- **Website Management:** John Lister Consulting continues to maintain our website at **£30/hour**, with an annual cost of **£2,414**.

Closing Remarks

I hope you find this report informative. I welcome any feedback or suggestions to improve future reports. Your ideas on maintaining financial stability will help support the strategic growth of our specialist society.

With best wishes,

Dr Dharam Basude
March 2025

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EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Chair: Dr Jutta Köglmeier

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Members: Trainee representative (trainee chair): **Chris Bakewell**, Trainee secretary: vacant (interim cover Chris Bakewell), Trainee Education representatives: **Ban Alkaaby** and **Vamsi Gangalam**, CSAC trainee representative: **Phil Robinson** and **Laura Kelly**, Research representative: **Marco Gasparetto**, AHP representative: **Rachel Wood**, ESPGHAN representative: **Hina Rizvi**, Webmasters: **James Fletcher** – technical and **Fatimah Alqahtani** – non-technical. Corresponding members: **Attah Ocholi**, **Huda Attah**, **Kwang Yang Lee**

2024 Key objectives

- **Ongoing successful and smooth running of BSPGHAN education series**
- **Ongoing expansion of website**
 - Addition of more practice guidelines, position papers and other relevant material
 - Appointment of non-technical webmaster to work alongside technical webmaster
- **Organisation of trainee meeting**
- **BSPGHAN 2025 Newcastle**
 - Support of local organising team with development of programme
 - Abstract selection for oral communications and e-posters in liaison with abstract scoring committee (platform used Oxford Abstracts)
 - Organisation and smooth running of e-poster rounds
 - Selection and announcement of prize winners
- **Working group meetings**
 - F2F at BSPGHAN
 - 2 virtual or F2F

2024 Key outputs

- **Website**
 - Non-technical webmaster appointed (Fatimah Alqahtani)
 - Links to some evidence based clinical practice guidelines and position papers (guidance with limited scientific evidence) established and updated regularly
- **Successful annual BSPGHAN meeting in Bristol March 2024**
 - 20 oral communications, 72 e-posters
 - Oxford abstract scoring programme in place
- **Trainees Meeting 2024 15/16 October 2024**
 - Leeds, DoubleTree by Hilton
 - Local organiser Lizzie Griffiths
 - Delegates 42
 - Well attended

- **National Intestinal Failure Network Annual Meeting November 2024 in Newcastle**
 - Organisers: Elena Cernat and Akshay Batra
 - BAPEN + BSPGHAN cooperation
 - Well attended
- **UK national intestinal failure forum**
 - held virtually x 3 per year
 - attendance remains very good

2025 objectives

- **BSPGHAN annual meeting Newcastle, March 19th-21st 2025:**
 - Working group chairs to support scoring of highest OCs for prize winner selection
 - Council members to support chairing of e-poster rounds (time keeping, Q&A after presentation, no scoring for e-posters this year, unless no AHP during OC session)
- **Next EWG chair – vote at AGM in Newcastle**
 - Advert on BSPGHAN website
 - Email to BSPGHAN members
- **Ongoing update and expansion of website**
- **Organisation and support to facilitate education activities:**
 - Trainee meeting 2025
 - National Intestinal Failure Network Annual Meeting 2025
 - UK national intestinal failure forum 3 x per year
 - revival of complex/perplexing cases forum

Other comments

BSPGHAN annual meeting 2026

- Support of local organising team with development of programme
- Abstract selection for oral communications and e-posters in liaison with abstract scoring committee (platform used Oxford Abstracts)
- Organisation and smooth running of e-poster rounds
- Selection and announcement of prize winners

ENDOSCOPY WORKING GROUP

Chair: Dr Shishu Sharma

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Members: Krishnan Sundaram (Secretary), Lucy Howarth, Dharamveer Basude, Iain Chalmers, Naomi McMahon (SPIN), Sabarinathan Loganathan, David Cairney (Trainee), Dan Crespie, Chris Bakewell (Trainee), Vinod Kolimarala



2024 Key objectives

- A new EWG chair was appointed in 2024 and EWG also had some new members.
- As the previous chair was leading on pGRS, he was keen to take this work to finish line.
- Survey on green endoscopy – to help understand the environmental sustainability of endoscopy practices throughout UK.
- Survey on ergonomics – Endoscopy related musculoskeletal injury is an under recognised domain. This survey was sent out to understand the burden of issue and factors that might be contributing to it.
- Survey on GI bleeding – to help formulate National GI bleeding practice guidelines.
- To understand the demand gap for various endoscopy courses.

2024 Key outputs

- The pGRS was published and the feedback has been requested from various stakeholders.
- Ergonomics survey will be presented BSPGHAN and ESPGHAN.
- Green endoscopy survey findings to be presented.
- GI bleeding survey is currently out for response from various units.
- Liaison has been made with JAG regarding the endoscopy courses demand gap. We have contacted adult simulation centres who have offered to provide simulation training to the paediatric trainees. The list of these centres has been distributed to the trainees.
- Therapeutic endoscopy course has been organised to help consultants to maintain their skills and to train senior trainees on common therapeutic procedures, focussing primarily on GI bleeding management.
- Liaison with JAG regarding a need to set up a working group to agree criteria for assessment of overseas trained endoscopists' competence to reduce variation in how endoscopy units evaluate these endoscopists and to support those applying for CESR/portfolio route training as the latter group are currently required to undergo full JAG certification which, in some cases, results in unnecessary training and use of endoscopy training lists.

2025 objectives

- We are awaiting the collated data on pGRS feedback from JAG. Once received the required changes will be made to finalise the pGRS.
- To set out practice guidelines for green endoscopy specific to paediatric practice.

- The data from GI bleeding survey will be used to identify the needs and formulation of National GI bleeding practice framework. This will be a major work and will need more than a year's time at the least. This requires liaison with other societies, e.g. BAPS, ambulance services, APAGBI and JAG. The discussions have already commenced and hopefully this will see the day light by the end of current chair's tenure.
- We are looking to set up a national Per Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) centre to treat achalasia.
- Working group has been set up for CESR route competencies to set up a pathway for assessment of overseas trained endoscopists.

GASTROENTEROLOGY WORKING GROUP

Chair: David Devadason

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MOTILITY WORKING GROUP

Chair: Michalis Papadopoulos (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist – Evelina LCH)

Members: **Eleni Athanasakos** (Director and Lead Paediatric Clinical Scientist – Royal London), **Keith Lindley** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist – GOSH), **Mohamed Mutalib** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist – Evelina LCH), **Stewart Cleeve** (Consultant Paediatric Surgeon – Royal London), **Nikhil Thapar** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist-Queensland), **Anna Rybak** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist - GOSH), **Daniel Crespi** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist – Royal Free), **Oswaldo Borrelli** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist - GOSH), **Arindam DAS** (Consultant Paediatrician - Broomfield), **Carly Bingham** (Paediatric Clinical Physiologist – Evelina LCH), **Sona Matthai** (Consultant Paediatrician – Sheffield), **Davina Richardson** (Children’s Specialist Nurse, Bladder and Bowel UK), **Kat Ford** (SpR Paediatric Surgery – GOSH), **David Rawat** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist – Royal London), **Rebecca Walker** (SpR Paediatric Gastroenterology – St George’s), **Dr Raj Parmar** (Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist – Alder Hey),.

2024 Key objectives

- Awaiting Publication of our position paper on Colonic Transit WG consensus at NGM.
- To work on creating a national database for Achalasia.
- Start updating management guidelines of common GI motility disorders, e.g. constipation NICE guidelines.
- Continue to work on increasing awareness of GI motility disorders mainly within the trainees and also the society. That can be achieved by members of the working group contributing to BSPGHAN lecture schedule, continue providing motility workshops at BSPGHAN annual meeting, etc.
- The group to hold at least 3 WG meetings (1 face to face at BSPGHAN and 2 virtual).
- Appoint and welcome new members to the group!

2024 Key outputs

- Colonic transit WG Consensus published in Neurogastroenterology and Motility.
- Working on a national database on Achalasia. We have created a subgroup, led by Dr Mutalib. The idea is to work in parallel with the ESPGHAN group for a European one. The team at GOSH have also involved their IT team to help them with setting this. We have joined forces with our surgical colleagues -BAPS- and a joined meeting in the future will hopefully be organised.

- Working on BSPGHAN Motility WG Constipation Consensus. Another subgroup has been created. We invited our surgical colleagues at BAPS and have had joined meetings as well. Currently we have created subheadings and are planning to delegate various sections to the group based on expertise.
- With regards to training and increasing awareness, we have contributed few lectures within the trainees and society and are planning to continue doing so. Motility workshops will also be held once again in the annual meeting at Newcastle.
- We held 3 WG meetings; and also the 2 subgroups have met 2 more times.
- We have a new member from Liverpool, Dr Raj Parmar.

2025 objectives

- To continue working on Achalasia Database project and Constipation Group consensus.
- To offer further teaching sessions to trainees through Society website and motility workshop at Society's meeting in 2026.
- We have joined forces with our surgical colleagues and would be looking into holding joined meetings. We have also been in touch with the BSG motility workshop and we have agreed to have joined meetings as well and work on guidelines together.
- The European Society of Neurogastroenterology and Motility (ESNM) will hold their next Annual meeting in London next year in September (4-6th). We have been in touch with organisers, who have provided a 90 min slot for affiliated BSPGHAN/ESPGHAN speakers.
- To meet at least 3 times in 2025. Face to Face meeting in BSPGHAN.
- Appoint and welcome new members to the group!

IBD WORKING GROUP

Chair: Anthi Thangarajah

Current Members: Gemma Lee (CNS), Natasha Burgess (CNS), Anthi Thangarajah, Kelsey Jones, Astor Rodrigues, Kwang Yang Lee.

Elected Members: Tracey Coelho (Southampton), Marco Gasparetto (Norfolk and Norwich), Rebecca Little (Glasgow), Sam Kalamchi (PeGHAN – Lewisham NHS FT), Lauren Reid (Dietitian – GoSH), Jo Parker (CNS – Brighton)

Vacancy: Trainee position

The IBD WG seeks council approval to co-opt professionals like psychologists and pharmacists for specific one-year projects. We had only one applicant for the trainee post, so we will discuss readvertising or appointing the current candidate at the WG meeting.

I have referred to above members with their initials below.

EDUCATION and TRAINING

• NEPIC (Network of Paediatric IBD centres)

This ongoing project is led by KYL:

Completed database of contacts and emails all centres that care for PIBD patients NEPIC email set up for communication specifically re PIBD education, studies.

We had the first NEPIC educational day June 2024 well attended with international speakers an excellent feedback, > 80 attendees, 2nd day planned for this year date confirmed.

Next steps:

- Creation of NEPIC hub on BSPGHAN website to share resources: need approval from council: formerly part of BSPGHAN initiative.
- Meeting to discuss development due for March 12th 2025
- **PIBD fellow**

DT has finalised SOP and sent to Treasurer AR. IBD fellow has been established by BSG for last 3 years and they are using AT's SOP as framework.
IBD WG need decision from council re endorsement and launch - this is pending.
- **IBD CNS Competencies**

Majority of work done; publication date awaited this has been through the RCN, JP and GL. Once published will also share this on NEPIC area of BSPGHAN
- **School education program**

Virtual tool/TikTok/video for school education aimed at teaching staff regarding PIBD. It will cover diagnosis, flares, and practical aspects of living with IBD. This will serve as an online medical induction for schools with children who have IBD.
JP is leading this project and has created a questionnaire for families to understand school support for children with IBD. He is in contact with CICRA for feedback from patients and representatives. After approval by WG, we will decide distribution and review results. Depending on the sample size and responses, this may be considered for abstract submission to N-ECCO
- **IBD PODCAST 'The PIBD Digest'**

TC leading on this project. He is main host for Podcasts with invited guests, encompassing nutrition, genetics, therapeutics and parental perspectives. Format IBD WG initiative in improve education around IBD and raise awareness aimed at health care professionals but some episodes suitable for caregivers.
First podcast to be available this week 'Crohicles of IBD in children' Launch date 14th March.

Next steps:

- TC to provide project outline and SOP for council approval as aim it to brand as BSPGHAN approved/endorsed.
- TC to apply for innovation grant for ongoing costs (for 1 year).
- TC to feedback reviews and listener numbers after first broadcast.
- TC to finalise podcasts for content titles for next 12month and frequency.
- Aim to publicise on NEPIC website/ social media.
- **IBD WG guideline: How to series: Small molecules**

TC and AR to lead on a practical guideline in conjunction with a co-opted pharmacist on: 'How to start small molecules in PIBD'.
KYL also working on document on useable advanced therapies in PIBS with relevant references to be reviewed by IBD WG and published on NEPIC website.
- **Nationwide UK research studies IBD WG-NEPIC endorsed**

MG has been working on a standard operating procedure (SOP) that could be used from BSPGHAN Members to submit multi-centric clinical research proposals within the area of PIBD. The scope is to provide a BSPGHAN framework by which centres across the UK can submit proposals for research studies related to PIBD, and involve multiple centres nationwide. This initiative would also provide accepted proposals with an endorsement from the BSPGHAN IBD WG, and with constructive feedback for improvement in the form

of a peer review from the BSPGHAN IBD WG and the NEPIC committee, unless they are rejected in the first instance.

The first draft was discussed on the occasion of the face-to-face group meeting in December 2024. An updated version reflecting the main discussion points and the suggested edits and changes is currently being re-circulated within the WG for further developments. Once agreed by WG will submit to council for approval.

MG is leading on this project. Discussed support IBD working group/ NEPIC could offer – e.g. peer review, liaising with charities for patient involvement.

Similar set up to current Porto group studies. Advantages for UK is that we have a cohesive healthcare system.

Progress: SOP finalised then needs approval by council.

Patient pathways and service development

- **BSG-BSPGHAN IBD TRANSITION guideline**

AT also sits on adolescent and young persons BSG committee in this role and attendance at IBD BSG committee and is on executive panel for formulation and update current IBD transition guidelines.

So far committee has agreed on thematic questions. Aim is for publication in 18 months.

- **Complex regional IBD MDT clinic launch**

KJ discussed setting up this clinic with Prof Dan Turner. Second opinion clinic.

Referrals will be triaged and seen based on urgency.

Potentially start Feb/ March 2024 – 3 monthly. 45 minutes. F2F ideally but virtual accepted. Nationwide referrals accepted.

KJ will set out pathway, once agreed and endorsed by IBD WG.

Will publicise via NEPIC emails and BSPGHAN website.

- **PIBD VACCINES Guidelines**

GL and TB lead on this, draft has been written and will be reviewed at next meeting. Once approved will send this to council for approval before publication on NEPIC- BSPGHAN website.

- **PIBD BSPGHAN guideline that need updating**

B12 and Vitamin D: will assign WG members to do this.

- **Subcutaneous Infliximab guideline**

AT has prepared a draft of the SOP for switching to IFX and will share it with WG upon approval, with the intention of posting the guideline on the NEPIC website. AT proposes initiating this as a quality improvement project within the patient pathway. AT plans to discuss the potential of making this a national project, evaluating the health economic impact, carbon footprint, and sustained efficacy of IFX. The methodology and documentation are established, and feasibility will be assessed at the next IBD WG meeting. AT intends to involve a pharmacist in this project.

- **CCUK patients survey**

CCUK data analysis indicates that PIBD centres excels in communication and family support. However, many centres fall short in referrals, scopes, histology, and imaging standards.

A presentation is prepared for Newcastle on the 19th, followed by a paper publication.

We aim to share the findings through news, social media, and charities.

RL and JP leading on this, with AT.

Publications

Best Therapy in Paediatric UC: Frontline Gastroenterology <https://doi.org/10.1136/flgastro-2023-102419>

Planned publications:

Best therapy in Paediatric Crohn's disease (invited: Gastroenterology frontline). Submitted March 2024

CCUK Paediatric output aim to submit publication for July 2025, and submit as abstract to PIBD 2025 Sorrento (RL, JP, AT)

Transition in IBD where are we now in the UK? AT (Joint with BSG- national survey lead by AT as role as secretary on AYP committee for BSG) results of nationwide survey.

IBD transition guidelines: 18 months

Updates on BSPGHAN PIBD on Vit D and B12 guidelines (BSPGHAN website) 3 months

Vaccination program in PIBD BSPGHAN website (4 months)

Closing remarks: IBD chair

Our WG has new motivated members and is a cohesive group aiming to connect with societies, charities, and stakeholders. We strive to raise PIBD awareness, enhance patient services, and pursue professional development through publications, events, and guidelines. The IBD WG seeks council approval to brand our publications as BSPGHAN IBD Working Group. We also wish to post educational initiatives and updated guidelines in the NEPIC section on the BSPGHAN website and gain permission to use social media channels (X, formerly Twitter) and official BSPGHAN WhatsApp channels.

EoE WORKING GROUP (eosinophilic oesophagitis)

Chair: Dr Marcus KH Auth

Members: Dr Raj Parmar (secretary), Dr Ed Gaynor (secretary), Dr Jenny Epstein (consultant), Dr Joseph Chan (consultant), Dr Mark Furman (consultant), Dr Kushila Rupasinghe (consultant), Dr Hema Kannappan (PeGHAN), Lucy Jackman (dietitian), Vasiliki Sinopoulou (dietitian and research), Dr Rahcel Mirzaali (trainee), Amanda Cordell (pp representative EosNetwork), Julie Thompson (pp representative GutsUK)

2024 Key objectives

- Topical steroids in EoE – publication in BMJ Paediatrics open.
- Recognition and treatment of EoE in the UK – national survey (prepared by Dr Constantinos Regas, Dr Marcus KH Auth and Dr Nadeem Afzal).
- EoE day 2025 (prepared by Amanda Cordell).
- EoE for BSPGHAN trainees (delivered by Dr Jenny Epstein).
- EoE teaching sessions for BSPGHAN society (prepared by Dr Hema Kannappan, Lucy Jackman, and Dr Raj Parmar).
- Linking with GAP network (prepared by Dr Ed Gaynor and Lucy Jackman).
- Research – BiOEvoCs study (prepared by Dr Marcus KH Auth).
- 2nd EoE BSPGHAN guidelines for publication in JPGN 2024 (co-author Dr Marcus KH Auth).

- 1st world (joined ESPGHAN and NASPGHAN) guidelines in JPGN (co-author Dr Marcus KH Auth).
- Combination treatments and Dupilumab in EoE – ESPGHAN survey (co-author Dr Ed Gaynor).
- EoE training for PeGHAN – Dr Hema Kannappan.
- EoE training for RCPCH/CSAC – Dr Rachel Mirzaali.
- EoE patient information leaflet update in GutsUK – Julie Thompson, Lucy Jackman, Dr Marcus KH Auth.
- Voting for remaining and new members:
 - Outgoing members:
 - Dr Diana Flynn, Kerry Moolenschot
 - Incoming members:
 - Dr Kushila Rupasinghe, Vasiliki Sinopoulos
- Meetings held:
 - 13.3.24 F2F (Bristol)
 - 13.8.24 – Patient information leaflets subgroup (Thompson, Auth, Jackman)
 - 11.4.25-11.3.25 – BioEvocs subgroup meetings (Auth, Parmar, Gaynor, Jackman, Epstein, Sharmar)
 - 20.3.24-23.12.25 – EoE national survey manuscript preparation (Regas, Afzal, Auth)
 - 30.11.-1.12.24 – EoE presentations and participation at ESPGHAN and EIP meetings (Gaynor, Auth)
 - 10.12.24 (MST) – full meeting
 - 20.3.25 (MST)

2024 Key outputs

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Poster presentation at ESPGHAN in Milan, May 2024 and oral presentation at BSPGHAN in Bristol, March 2024. Manuscript in final stages.

- BioEvocs study started in Alder Hey Children's/Liverpool since 13.12.23, site opened in Great Ormond Street Children's on 11.12.24, and site opened in Chelsea and Westminster and Sheffield Children's on 12.3.25. (Auth MKH, Parmar R, Gaynor E, Epstein J, Sharmar S).
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- National transition of CYP with EoE – a survey from the EoE working group. Dr R Parmar, named members of the EoE working group, Dr MKH Auth.

Poster presentation at ESPGHAN in Milan, May 2024 and oral presentation at BSPGHAN in Bristol, March 2024. Manuscript in preparation.

2024 objectives

- PeGHAN virtual EoE study day: Dr Hema Kennappan, Lucy Jackman, Dr Raj Parmar 22.5.25.
- Dupilumab updates regarding NICE approval process.
- Trainee matters in EoE including CSAC and RCPCH syllabus.
- BSPGHAN EoE training.
- EoE living guideline (via ESPGHAN).
- BioEvocs completion of study.
- EoE transition – manuscript.
- EoE survey – manuscript.
- Adrenal gland assessment in EoE.
- Preparation of joined BSACI and EoE WG training day.
- National network contacts of EoE leads for audits, surveys, communication, research.

Other comments:

- Review of membership and roles for the coming year.

COELIAC WORKING GROUP

Chair: Siba Paul

Report not available.

HEPATOLOGY WORKING GROUP

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LIVER STEERING GROUP

Members: All Paed. Hepatology, Paediatric Hepatobiliary and LT surgeons.

2024 Key objectives

- PAEDIATRIC LIVER waiting list and organ utilisation (NHSBT-LAG).
- CQuIN / Tricentre audit meeting – PTLD.
- Joint clinical meetings and priority listings between three liver centres.
- Paed Liver Tx website as part of NHSBT information website.

2024 Key outputs

- The Liver Steering Group held their virtual on 21/03/2024 and 12/06/2024
- Tricentre audit on PTLD following liver Tx on 12/06/2024 - outcome and protocols discussed. Possibility of national std protocol.
- Ad hoc clinical meetings between the 3 liver centres for challenging clinical cases and priority listing.
- SNAP protocol for paracetamol overdose approved.
- Paed liver Tx website for NHSBT – work in progress.

2025 objectives

- Liver steering group meeting held virtually on MS teams on 15/01/2025. Central BA registry data over 20 yrs discussed.
- Liver Transplant National Waiting List Development (LAG) - concerns about long waiting list and further difficulties in getting liver graft for metabolic patients. Promotion of liver donor transplants.
- Tricentre CQUIN audit (June 2025) - will be in Birmingham. Topic yet to be decided. LSG business meeting will be held same time.
- Paed liver Tx website for NHSBT - work in progress.
- Updating guidelines for acute liver failure and MASLD (fatty liver).

Other comments

- Recruitment and retention remain a concern for paed. Hepatology.
- Next LSG business meeting – June 2025

NUTRITION AND INTESTINAL FAILURE WORKING GROUP

Chair: Dr Elena Cernat

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2024 Key objectives

- Fill working group positions (trainee rep, nurse specialist rep, research rep, BAPS rep, chemical pathologist, paediatrician with an interest).
- Organisation of IF Networking Day 2024 after 3 years break.
- Help with the organisation of educational events like UK JIRM meetings.
- Develop collaborative national projects.
- Working group meetings (2 F2F - at the Annual meeting and at the IF Networking Day; 3 monthly online).

2024 Key outputs

- WG positions filled.
- Successful organisation of National Intestinal Failure Network Annual Meeting. (November 2024, Newcastle) alongside BAPEN – very good feedback and well attended
- JIRM meetings every 3-4 months.
- Collaborative project: No gut article will be submitted to JPGN in the next weeks.

2025 objectives

- Help with the organisation of the 2025 National Intestinal Failure Network Annual Meeting alongside BAPEN.
- Collaborative projects in progress: HPN in severe neurodisability, SIBO project, Ethical decision making in surgical neonates (with BAPS).
- Finalise and publish in Frontline Gastroenterology the UK Parenteral nutrition guidelines.
- Finalise and publish article regarding special diets commissioned to the WG by Frontline Gastroenterology.
- Apply for BSPGHAN/GUTS UK grant for a project titled “The Microbiome of Paediatric Intestinal Failure: A three-site feasibility pilot study”.
- Develop the IF registry including data about GLP2 use in another format (probably separated from adults) – in discussions.

PeGHAN GROUP

Chair: Dr Hema Kannappan

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Members: Dr Shveta Chana (Quality Standards), Hema Kannappan (EoE) Rohith Gowda (Research), Siba Paul (Coeliac), Anna Piggott (Nutrition), Dr. Mashhood (IBD), Dr Arindam Das (Motility WG), Sona Matthai (Motility WG), dr Tushar Banerjee (Pancreatitis WG)



2024 Key objectives

- Deliver PeGHAN study days.
- Identify need for changes in SPIN curriculum Progress plus.

2024 Key outputs

- 2 Audits completed, being presented at Annual Conference.
- FAP research project still ongoing.
- PeGHAN Virtual Study Day: 18.10.24 – *Medically Unexplained symptoms* – Attended by nearly 100 professionals - Organised by Dr Hina Rizvi and Dr Hema Kannappan. Speakers: Dr Anna Piggott, Dr Deborah Hilton, Dr Helen Morris, Dr Lisa Whyte.

2025 objectives

- Continue to deliver at least 1 PeGHAN study day per year.
- Continue to engage in Audits, Quality improvement projects and present the projects in annual meeting.
- Establish a plan for SPIN trainees teaching sessions to help with certain aspects of curriculum.
- Need to discuss the need to create a formal role for person helping with study day promotion.
- Need to update PeGHAN website.

Key points as submitted to BSPGHAN Council at regular intervals:

Themes	Future actions to consider:
Zoom education series – previously sessions delivered by PeGHANs	Needs to be re-discussed with the current Education WG.
PeGHAN Virtual sessions – 2/yr	To continue to liaise with the organising teams for Annual Meeting session and Admin team for Virtual sessions. Last 2 study days have been set a fee of £20pp (free for Associates and trainees) – this has helped to give honorarium to speakers.

PeGHAN projects: 1. 2 audits completed - 2. H Pylori and Stool antigen tests (Oct 2024-Jan 2025) – Dr Shveta Chana is leading this audit -being presented at BSPGHAN national conference 3. 4. ARFID service audit across UK – Dr Baneera Shresta - being presented at BSPGHAN national conference 5. 6. Educational resources for FAP	Continue to liaise with PeGHANs for further topics.
What's App Group	Keep updated and moderate, use it to share key information.
Networking	With other WG members.
CSAC role	No change in curriculum Liaise with CSAC committee Dr Hema Kannappan is the current CSAC lead for SPIN training

Other Comments

PeGHAN Virtual Study Day: 22nd May 2025 – *Eosinophilic Oesophagitis* - Organised by Dr Kannappan, Dr Rizvi. Speakers: Dr Edward Gaynor, Lucy Jackman , Dr Raj Parmar.

Virtual Study Days held in the past:

Mar'22 – Eating disorders/Functional GI/Enteral Nutrition/Constipation.

Oct'22 – Allergy/PEACE project – eating disorders/Case presentations/CEW project – obesity.

April'23 – Liver study day.

Oct'23 – Coeliac disease.

Mar'24 – Dr Lee Hudson presenting on behalf of PeGHAN on ARFID in Annual meeting.

QUALITY STANDARDS WORKING GROUP

Chair: Dr Edward Gaynor

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Members: Dr Mark Furman – Secretary (2019-2022, 2023 – 2026), Dr Chris Spray (2019 – 2022, 2023 – 2026), Dr Fevronia Kiparissi (2019 – 2022, 2023 – 2026), Dr Sue Protheroe (2019 – 2022, 2023 – 2026), Mrs Kay Crook – AHP rep (2019 – 2022, 2023 – 2026), Dr Lilianne Gomez-Lopez (2024 - 2027), Dr Gillie Rivlin – Trainee rep (2024 – 2027), Dr Vandana Jain (2024 – 2027), Dr Kwang Yang Lee – *liaising member for IBD and Education WGs* (2024 – 2027).



2024 Key objectives

- Refresh membership of the QS working group.
- Undertake an evidence review of current quality standards, benchmarking against international professional bodies with a standardised methodology.
- Lead discussions about the development about new quality standards for BSPGHAN, based on agreed key performance indicators.

2024 Key outputs

- QS WG has now reached full membership
- Current BSPGHAN quality standards reviewed
- Evidence reviews underway reviewing international benchmarks, as well as evidenced KPIs and patient reported outcomes (PROMs) in Coeliac disease, IBD, EoE, GI Motility, Pancreatitis, Hepatology, Nutrition and IF, Endoscopy and other general gastroenterological conditions
- QS working group has actively fed into the development of the new BSPGHAN strategy

2025 objectives

- Working with the working groups to agree a series of relevant key performance indicators to support service development and improvements in PGHAN care in the UK.
- Develop new quality standards for BSPGHAN, alongside the BSPGHAN council and the RCPCH.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Chair: Dr James Ashton

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Members: **Dr Zachary Green** (current BSPGHAN research trainee rep), **Dr Farah Barakat** - outgoing (paediatric gastroenterologist, Brighton), **Prof Morris Gordon** (paediatrician with an interest in paediatric gastroenterology, professor of evidence medicine, UCLan, Preston), **Dr Vasiliki Sinopoulou** (researcher, dietitian, UCLan, Preston), **Dr Rohit Gowda** (paediatrician with an interest in paediatric gastroenterology, Maidstone), **Dr David Campbell** (paediatric gastroenterologist, Newcastle – former Chair), **Ms Joanne Brind** (CNS, UCLH, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London)



2024 Key objectives

- To agree with Treasurer and Council on the research budget available for 2024: there will be no joint Guts UK-BSPGHAN Grants to fund in 2024 (bi-annual), therefore budget could focus on ad-hoc smaller grants (including BIG) or other relevant projects.
- To discuss a second, face-to-face, edition of the BSPGHAN Research Career Symposium.
- To maintain the BSPGHAN Research Prize.
- To continue supporting the BSPGHAN virtual teaching programme by extending the research sessions to international speakers.
- To progress the work towards a BSPGHAN sub-committee (members from the Education Committee, the Research Committee and the relevant Working Group leaders) that assesses international guidelines and evaluates how the statements apply to the clinical and research practice in the UK.
- To discuss re-instating the BSPGHAN Systematic Review Fellowship led by Prof. Gordon at UCLan.

2024 Key outputs

- Invited Phil Smith, EIC of Frontline Gastroenterology to BSPGHAN annual meeting
 - Promote BSPGHAN publications.
 - Potential for a special issue.
 - Guideline/commissioned articles.
- Established ongoing funding with GUTS UK for joint grants with BSPGHAN in 2025.
- BSPGHAN research prize to have a fallow year 2025- reinstated for 2026.
- Discussion on potential for mentorship/widening access to grants.
 - Potential for collaborative/mentorship grants to help maintain high quality of output.
- Promotion and representation on ESPGHAN research/basic science groups
 - Encourage application for the young research curriculum - <https://www.espgghan.org/knowledge-center/education/Young-Research-Curriculum->
 - Continued education within this forum (ZG/JJA).

- Formalisation of TOR ongoing
 - To include formalisation of external review process for grants in line with recommendations from Association of Medical Research Charities.
 - Terms for membership to be introduced in line with all other working groups.
 - To align with sustainability goals and maintain good contemporary working practices we will be inviting/co-opting members for specific practices (grants, symposium organisation etc.)

2025 objectives

- Formal relationship between BSPGHAN and FG to be resigned
 - Promotion of publications/issues.
- Positions in the group- size of RWG highly dependant on need (reviews etc.) – aim to be flexible and potentially co-opt members at times of increased need.
 - Introduce terms for membership as a formal process, in line with council recommendations and BSPGHAN WG practices.
- Adoption of ToR as per other WGs.
- Grant funding for 2025
 - GUTS UK- BSPGHAN call.
- Scientific basis of gastroenterology /IMD symposium – to be organised jointly with council.
- Grants awarded in 2023 to have feedback to RWG.

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Trainee Committee

Chair: Dr Chris Bakewell

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Members: Gillie Rivlin (Secretary), Laura Kelly (CSAC), Tania Badhuri (Education), IBD - vacant, Rachel Pybus (EoE), Becca Walker (Motility), Sunitha Vimallesvaran (Hepatology), Jemma Cleminson (Intestinal Failure).



2024 Key outputs

- **The Annual trainees meeting in Leeds**

I have to say, the most recent trainee's meeting in Leeds was the best annual trainees meeting which I have either organised or attended. The team in Leeds put together a fantastic programme including plenty of Liver and nutrition topics and engagement from trainees was (as always) excellent. I think we have found the right format for the meeting as a two-day residential event which allows for a social meal to get to know other trainees/delegates. We had good sponsorship engagement this year and hope to encourage more in future to maximise our funding and keep costs down for the delegates.

- **Induction pack for new PGHAN trainees**

The induction pack for new PGHAN trainees, which was created by Laura Kelly and Phil Robinson (CSAC trainee reps), has been finished and published on the RCPCH website. It will also be posted on the BSPGHAN website. It is such an excellent piece of work and has been so well received that it is now being used by the RCPCH as an example for other paediatric sub-specialities. Laura has been working with other specialities to create their own version. I'd like to thank Laura and Phil for their hard work on this.

- **Renovation of the trainee area of the BSPGHAN website**

A key aim for 2024 was to start the process of updating and renovating the training area of the BSPGHAN website. In October we received council approval to make the changes and in November plans were submitted to the website development team which would change the members area of the to a training portal, including training resources and a new endoscopy learning zone. We are awaiting a first look at the new changes before publishing but hope to go live later this year. There are several new initiatives which will be housed in this area of the website, including the new endoscopy learning hub.

- **Supporting trainees through changes to endoscopy training**

JAG have now published their changes to the training pathway for colonoscopy. Trainees will be required to complete 150 colonoscopies in order to achieve certification. There will be no partial certification. There is a transition period of 12 months from December 2024 for trainees to complete certification on the old pathway i.e. 100 colonoscopies. We have tried to support trainees in understanding the reasons for this change and exactly how the new certification process works. I do believe that the changes will give trainees a mandate to prioritise attending endoscopy lists weekly, even if LTFT. The CSAC team have confirmed

that there is no requirement to achieve colonoscopy sign off before CCT. We have encouraged trainees to use other resources where possible including adult endoscopy and virtual sim suites through regional endoscopy academies.

- **Development of a BSPGHAN affiliated IBD podcast**

We are in the early stages of developing an BSPGHAN affiliated educational podcast, in conjunction with the IBD working group. This has been led by Dr Tracy Coelho in Southampton and the initial podcast with focus on PIBD. The working title is: 'The PIBD Digest'. Once all episodes are recorded, the podcast will be housed on the BSPGHAN website and available for free. I am hopeful that we will be working with other working groups to explore and develop podcast episodes on different PGHAN topics in the future.

2025 Objectives

- **Push for completion of trainees' area of website**

It is essential that the training area of the BSPGHAN website is published as soon as possible. I am hopeful that we will have something live by the summer. There is likely to be a staged release of different resources and further development to ensure it works well for trainees. With the change to colonoscopy training, I think that the new endoscopy learning zone will become a valuable resource for trainees.

- **Next annual meeting in Cardiff 16th and 17th October**

I am delighted to confirm that the 2025 iteration of the annual trainees meeting will be in Cardiff on 16th and 17th October. We are in the process of booking the venue and will soon be able to advertise the event to trainees. As always, we will invite expert speakers and map topics to the PGHAN grid and SPIN curriculum so I strongly encourage all grid and SPIN trainees to attend.

- **Buddy/mentorship programme**

As of this February, we have started developing a buddy system for new PGHAN trainees where they are paired with a senior trainee, ideally training in a similar region. As a current trainee, I can see how valuable this will be to help navigate training, especially at certain points including the logistics of moving centres as part of training.

Other comments

Positions on the committee:

I am sad to say that my tenure as chair of trainees' committee will be coming to an end in September 2025. We will be advertising for a new trainee chair this year and I would strongly encourage our new PGHAN grid trainees to consider applying. I was an ST6 when I took on this role and have thoroughly enjoyed myself. I will of course support the incoming trainee to hit the ground running and there are a few projects which I will continue to have involvement in, including the website development.

Other roles which will become vacant this year:

- Secretary of the trainees' committee
- CSAC rep

ASSOCIATES COMMITTEE

Chair: Amy Phipps

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Members: Rachel Wood (Dietitian), Lindsay Hogg (Nurse), Shaun Emmitt (Advanced clinical practitioner), Karen Poulton (Dietitian). Two members on maternity leave: Sophie Velleman (Psychologist), Emma Wilkinson (Pharmacist)



2024 Key objectives

- **Deliver appropriate education for associates**

Increase learning opportunities and share learning opportunities for associate members.
Focus on webinars.

2024 Key outputs

- Associate members input via local organising team to BSPGHAN conference 2024 to ensure associate-interest and presenters integrated through programme.
- Working with BSPGHAN 2025 conference organisers on a transition themed parallel workshop.
- Preparing webinar subjects and developing contacts.

2025 objectives

- **Deliver appropriate education for associates**

- Increase learning opportunities and share learning opportunities for associate members.
- Focus on webinars, working towards a webinar series, date in February 2025 for Anxiety in GI disease and future expected sessions on writing conference abstracts and clinical biochemistry interpretation.
- Looking to co-badge a webinar in 2025 with the PANG (paediatric and neonatal gastroenterology) special interest group of NPPG.
- Explore how BSPGHAN and/or industry can support associates to attend associate-specific education.

RCPCH College Speciality Advisory Committee (CSAC)

(Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition)

Co-Chairs: Lucy Howarth & Nkem Onyeador
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Members: Dr Shya Kishore (Gastroenterology), Dr Vandana Jain (Hepatology), Dr Marueen Lawson (Training and Assessment), Dr Hema Kannapan (SPIN), Dr David Devadason (Quality), Dr Anthony Wiskin (Nutrition), Dr Laura Kelly (Trainee representative).

2024 Key objectives

- Ongoing implementation of Progress+ Curriculum.
- New Grid trainees RCPCH induction pack.
- Continue Friday at 5 virtual drop-in sessions for grid trainees.
- Trainee Meeting held in Newcastle October 2024. CSAC support and attendance. Excellent programme put together by local organising and BSPGHAN education committee.
- Ensuring all grid trainees have at least once CSAC progression meeting per year.
- For a successful PGHAN 2025 grid recruitment round.

2024 Key outputs

- New Grid trainees RCPCH induction pack – endorsed and launched by the college.
- Advertised 4 Gastro rotations and 3 Hepatology rotations. Highly competitive this year due to fewer available posts. Majority have requested LTFT training. Availability of hepatology posts have been a rate limiting step for some potential gastroenterology rotations. All posts successfully filled this round after shortlisting and interview process.
- Second successful year of having separate application process for Hepatology and Gastroenterology.
- Trainees' meeting – face to face (Newcastle 14-15th October 2024) – CSAC support. Thanks to the organisers, speakers and delegates for a very successful meeting – BSPGHAN organisation and funding much appreciated.
- Virtual CSAC Interim and annual progression meetings held for all grid trainees.
- START PGHAN scenarios reviewed.
- GMC requesting CSAC to oversee CESR applications now known as 'Portfolio Pathway'.

2025 objectives

- Continue Friday at 5 meeting
- To support BSPGHAN Trainees' Meeting to be held on 16th and 17th October, Cardiff
- Continue separate Hepatology and Gastroenterology grid recruitment
- Oversee CSAC progression meetings for all grid trainees
- Update PGHAN grid coordinators list

- To organise a PGHAN Educational Supervisor's virtual workshop in conjunction with RCPCH
- Collect data from training centres on training opportunities for current trainees to explore ways to maintain equity of access to high quality training across the country
- Refresh PGHAN START scenario question bank.

Other Notes:

Ongoing Implementation of Shape of Training through Progress + curriculum

In summary this reduces the specialist training period to 7 years. However, this does maintain the full 3 years for higher specialist training (level 3) and does enable out of programme time between level 2 and level 3 (OOPE/R). The positive for us is that speciality training isn't shortened although the challenge is that training will be overall shorter and potential recruits to the grid will be less experienced.

Endoscopy, clinics and the Curriculum

We continue to recommend that GRID trainees have access to at least 25 lists per year and do a reasonable number of procedures on the lists. This is essential to give trainees the enough exposure.

We continue to recommend that GRID trainees have access to at least 25 clinics per year with the opportunity to see a wide case mix of cases (including new patients) and discuss the cases with the wider team. This is essential to give trainees the enough exposure. This should include access to specialist clinics e.g. Transition clinic, Home PN clinic.

Pre-approval of Training Prior to Application to the GRID.

Any trainee applying to sub-specialty recruitment later than their ST4 year should be allowed to evidence up to 1 year of experience (attained **prior** to commencement of sub-speciality training), relevant to their sub-specialty application in order to allow them to apply from a later point in their training.

This would be applicable to first-time applicants and also those who have already made an attempt at the sub-specialty recruitment process but were not appointed to a post.

Pre-approval of grid PGHAN training should be **prospective** and agreed by CSAC committee and clearly stated in the subsequent grid application. This should be in a grid accredited centre with clear evidence of grid equivalent training.

SPIN training.

Currently 17 trainees doing SPIN with 2 recent sign off requests. Special thanks to Dr Kannappan for overseeing this process.



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