

NEWS LETTER - APRIL 2017

The Wound Care Alliance conference is looming and we are already a quarter way through the year. I like to reflect at the end of each quarter on what the WCAUK have been involved with. As Chair, there are always on going queries on day to day issues and there are always more national issues to consider and in some circumstances become involved in.

At this time of year, we also have our annual accounts prepared and the WCAUK trustees review the developmental strategy and approach industry for their support. We are grateful for their support and links to them all are available through this website.

As always, we are busy attending national events. The London Nurse Show took place in March and trustees Rosie Callaghan and Janice Bianchi were in attendance. Their focus was assessment and ties in with the latest NHS CQINN regarding wound assessment. Whilst i don't have the final details regarding the CQINN, education regarding the importance of assessment will not be wasted and the evaluations are very good. Additionally, we say a big hello to many new members who joined us at that conference.

The WCAUK has continued to work with Mark Allen Healthcare in producing the latest edition of Tissue Viability in conjunction with the British Journal of Nursing. Many of you will perhaps have read the editorial and my discussion regarding the future of Associate Nurses and the role they may play in Tissue Viability. I know I have registered the interest of my TV team in being a mentor. So, change and opportunity are around us and I urge you all to engage in this process where you can.

The Wound Care Alliance UK have recently attended the Journal of Wound Care Awards held in London. The WCAUK were pleased to support the excellence through innovation award. It was certainly heartening to hear about the new innovations.

The WCAUK were also asked to be a judge in the British Journal of Nursing awards with the WCAUK supporting and presenting 2 awards, Pressure Care Nurse of the Year and Tissue Viability Nurse of the Year.

The WCAUK were really pleased to be involved in judging these awards and were encouraged to read all the entries and heartened that so many clinicians remain committed to practice. The WCAUK send our congratulations to all the winners.

Perhaps now is the time to encourage all WCAUK members to consider submitting for these awards for 2018. Most of you reading this will consider that I am talking to someone else but it is YOU I am talking to so please take time to consider this.

Finally, we are preparing for our conference in Chester in October 2017 and we look forward to welcoming you there.

Jackie Stephen-Haynes

Chair