

CYP Nurse Academics UK
Meeting 15 January 2016
Alan Turing Building, University of Manchester

Membership

CYP academics only
Clinical academics
Joint appointment
Lecturer-practitioners
From 4 nations
Open to clinical staff with interest in education?
Efforts to engage CYPN professors

Links

Association of Chief Children's Nurses
Affiliated members?
Senior children's nurses?
CPHVA?
Queen's Nursing Institute?
Institute of Health Visiting?
Children's Commissioners X 4
RCN CYP groups
RCPCH

Purpose

Provide a forum for like-minded CYP academics to lobby, empower and influence
CYP nursing
Debating forum
Support network
Advisory body
Response to policy consultation
Sharing good practice & innovation
Influencing new standards
Contribute to the evidence base for CYP workforce
Consultancy role
Influence/drive nurse education policy
Reducing isolation for individuals and smaller teams

Aims

Retention of CYP as a field of practice
Stronger voice
CYPNAUK representation on strategic groups
Development of a communication platform
Drive curriculum change
Advance nursing science, education, research, practice
Joint research network
Fight the marginalization of the CYP programme

Ways of working

No political ownership	Succession planning for CYPNAUK
Representation from each HEI	Student advisory group
Need a Chair and Vice-Chair	Creation of a web site
Elected? Rotating?	Maintenance of web site
Secretary and other roles?	Degree of formality, format of records
Frequency, location, format of meetings	

Membership and Links

The notes reflect that in terms of membership there was discussion about inviting some individuals/groups who are not CYP academics into the forum. For example, it was suggested that we might invite students to join. However, most agreed that this is an opportunity to strengthen our own voice and that core membership should be for CYPN academics only. There is further room to discuss how other groups might inform our discussions. Many of you suggested that links with various CYP organisations (as listed) would be useful. We also discussed the role of CYP professors in CYPNAUK and most agreed that the decision by the MHNAUK to ensure active involvement of the professoriate worked well.

There is also the issue of the number of individuals from an organisation that might want to take part in the meetings. One of the issues we need to consider is that the meetings will rotate around the 4 nations and that there is some expectation that the university hosting the meeting will have the required room and resources. We are all clear that there is no money to be attached to membership or any other CYPNAUK activity.

Following Sue McAndrew's presentation there was some agreement that an all-day meeting would work best but that perhaps the notion of the host university providing a showcase of their research in the morning might not be the best use of time. We also appreciate that some of you came quite a distance and it would have been great to provide lunch, but this isn't always going to be possible as more universities cut back on hospitality. Perhaps we need to work a lunch break in instead so that attendees can grab a bite to eat and return to the afternoon meeting. This is likely to be the format for the July meeting.

Aims and Purpose

It was clear that there is a great need for this network and the discussion about the aims and purpose were all noted on the lists. We anticipate that this will be refined over the coming year.

Ways of Working

We have now contacted CYPN academics from every institution (where details have been available) to inform them about CYPNAUK and added them to the list. If you know of others who would like to be on it then please **let both of us** know - this means we don't have to forward emails to each other.

We have now invited interested representatives from the 4 nations to help with some of the questions raised about "ways of working" as shown in the box. We are then going to open up the potential ways forward to the whole group via a brief survey. By July we should have some more concrete ideas about membership, ownership, leadership etc. **Debbie and Tony**