



Dear Member,

Welcome to August's BAPN eNews. Please read on for details on courses, opportunities, bursaries and more.

We hope you enjoy this month's read.
Best wishes,

Mary McGraw
BAPN President

Sally Feather
BAPN Secretary

BAPN / BKPA Patient Information Programme (Message from Jan Dudley)

David Milford and I have secured funding for this joint project to develop high quality patient information for children with renal disease to be hosted on both BAPN and BKPA websites. The principle of this national patient information programme was approved at the BAPN AGM in December 2010.

A patient information administrator will be based at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, which already has a well-developed infrastructure for developing patient information leaflets. It is hoped and anticipated that the programme will receive Information Standards accreditation.

Critical to this programme will be the prioritisation of topic areas, review by both clinicians, parents and carers and most importantly, support from individual units.

We should like to ensure that all UK renal units have the opportunity to be involved in this project and request that one consultant in your team is nominated to liaise with the steering committee with a view to contributing to the prioritisation and review process.

With many thanks in anticipation for your help and support. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please send nominations to Jan.dudley@UHBristol.nhs.uk

National clinical excellence awards (message from Mary McGraw)

Those of you who have opted to receive electronic communications from the Renal Association will have received notification about the process for applying for these awards through receiving Renal Association support. The deadline for receipt of papers is 2nd September. The letter from the president Charlie Tomson points out there is considerable uncertainty about whether there will even be an awards process this year and so members should think very carefully before applying for support. Please note that if you wish to apply through the Renal Association you should apply directly to the RA and not through the BAPN.

In the past the BAPN has been able to make recommendations through the RCPCH. This year as yet we have heard nothing from the RCPCH about this process. However there is information on the RCPCH website about application through the RCPCH [College website](#). On the website it states that "the 2012 process may be subject to change pending its outcome which is expected to be reported to Ministers in July 2011. However, ACCEA are working on the basis that this year will proceed as usual, and have advised that the online application should open in September / October and close at 5.00pm on 9 December. This timetable depends on the result of the DDRB Review and as such may be subject to change."

This report of a working party of Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, British Association for Paediatric Nephrology and NHS Kidney Care sets out the core requirements for success and standards for commissioning and provision of services. Built on existing good practice and evidence the review examines access to services, patient and carer involvement, quality indicators, audit and workforce planning. This document has particular relevance in the light of the current NHS reforms in England, and the acknowledgement by the government of the importance of clinical networks for specialist care. The document

can be downloaded from [here](#) and hard copies can also be ordered through this site. We believe this document should be widely distributed and ask our members in tertiary units to ensure that each of the District General Hospitals in their own locality is aware of the document and how to access it.

Child Protection: From Examination to Court (previously known as court skills)

Date: 24-25 October 2011
Venue: RCPCH, London
Fee: £300 (members) and £375 (non-members)
CPD credits: 12

Every paediatrician will encounter child protection cases during their clinical career. This popular and successful course is developed and delivered by medical and legal experts to increase knowledge of legal proceedings, develop competences in engaging with proceedings and build confidence amongst paediatricians to tackle this area of work. For further information and an application form, please visit our [website](#) or contact events@rcpch.ac.uk.

If you have any ideas or would like to include an article or event in eNews, please contact the Renal Association/BAPN Secretariat on 0870 458 4155 or BAPN@mci-group.com