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PCCS Annual General Meeting. 7th Dec 2023. 12:00-13:00

Held on Zoom. Attendance: 29 members of PCCS

Speaker	Item	Notes / discussion
<p><i>Carli Whittaker, President</i></p>	<p>President's report:</p>	<p>Welcome.</p> <p><u>Main issues faced in last year:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity and workforce challenges • Occupancy consistently above 85 % year-round with increased pressure last year of over 95% - respiratory surge, iGAS, Hepatitis C • Impact on elective recovery - particularly specialist surgery such as Cardiac, Spinal • Specialist training – experienced staff v NQN • High pressure, complex patients, Conflict Resolution – high profile cases, increased acuity and length of stay • High vacancy rates across country meaning lack of ability to open to full commissioned bed base • Staff working at times outside of national ratios – H&W impact, retention, surge • There has been investment in Level 2 funding in the last year <p><u>Results of recent members' survey shared:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 112 responses (44.6% from consultants) • Broad agreement from members with the three key issues facing our speciality identified by PCCS council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Disagreement and conflict ○ Capacity ○ Rise in prevalence of chronic complex conditions • Other survey results were shared: these are available in the members' website: uploaded to council minutes forum. <p><u>What's next for PCCS council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website revamp (underway currently, with new website due in 2024) • Implementation of communications strategy, with engagement with media where appropriate

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<p><i>Patrick Davies, honorary treasurer</i></p>	<p>Honorary Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of annual accounts 	<p>PCCS accounts are healthy, in part due to healthy surplus from the recent PCCS ASM, in Scotland. Income also supported by membership fees from slowly growing membership numbers.</p> <p><u>Recent additional expenses, over and above usual expenses include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with a communications consultant to inform the PCCS communications strategy • Communication training for members of the PCCS council • Support for the Supreme court appeal regarding reporting restrictions. <p><u>Ongoing usual expenses include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance fees • Finance team fees • Expenses for travel and venue hire for council meetings • Website maintenance and administrative support from Association of Anaesthetists and VeryConnect (members' database). <p><u>Recent changes to expenditure:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal access stopped (around £15k) - this was not cost effective. A way forward to provide access to PCCM to grid trainees is under consideration. • Reduced Zoom fees (from £3k p.a. to £300) • Conference organising team agreement has ended. This has reduced costs of conferencing, but there has been impact on local organising team (see AoB), therefore tenders from new organising teams will be considered for future events. <p><u>Note:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership fees have not increased since 2015
<p><i>Adrian Plunkett (honorary secretary)</i></p>	<p>Honorary Secretary/ membership Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >1200 current members – stable over recent months after period of growth.

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<i>PCCS research</i>	Ram	<p><u>PCCS-SG update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of PCCS-SG comprises approx 120 MDT members. Separate mailing list. • 2 meetings are held every year – one face to face, and one online. • There has been significant output and collaborative research activity – e.g. recent publication of Ocypicu trial: a landmark PCC trial. • Recent research prioritisation exercise was carried out and this has informed the development of an application for a platform trial in PCC. • NIHR incubator to start in 2024.
<i>AOB</i>		<p>Discussion about the support from PCCS for the annual conference. Noted (NS) that the delivery of the conference is a huge task for the local organising committee and would ideally be supported by a third-party company. In previous years PCCS employed INDEX to support conference organising, but this relationship has ended, and a replacement has not been found. The Scotland team organised a highly successful conference (with a record surplus) but relied on significant donated labour and charity support – this is likely not sustainable going forward.</p>

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