

UK Committee on Children's and Young People's Nursing Constitution

I Title

The Committee formerly known as BPA/BAPS Joint Committee on Nursing and Joint British Advisory Committee on Children's Nursing will be known as the UK Committee on Children's and Young People's Nursing.

II Purposes

- a) For nursing to influence policy by discussing issues of mutual concern, sharing information and building coalitions between membership bodies
- b) To raise awareness of the nursing needs of children, young people and their families.
- c) To work towards the improvement of children's and young people's nursing care both in hospital and the community
- d) To promote and support the education of children's and young people's nurses

III Composition

Representatives from the following organisations:

- Action for Sick Children (ASC)
- All Wales Children's senior nurse Forum
- Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN)
- Association of Chief Children's Nurses (ACCN)
- Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists (APA)
- British Association of Paediatric Surgeons (BAPS)
- BLISS
- Children's Hospital Alliance
- Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association (CPHVA)
- Contact A Family
- Council of Deans
- College of Occupational Therapists
- Federation of Allied Health Professionals
- Hospital Play Specialists Association
- Neonatal Nurses Association (NNA)
- Paediatric Psychology Network UK
- Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCA)
- Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)
- Royal College of Midwives (RCM)
- Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
- Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT)
- Royal College of Surgeons Children's Forum
- School and Public Health Nurses Association (SAPHNA)
- Scottish Neonatal Nurses Group
- Strategic Paediatric Educationalists and Nurse Network Scotland (SPENS)

Representatives may attend from other organisations to provide expertise on a specific matter under discussion, such as

- Association of Directors of Social Services
- Association of Directors of Children's Services

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- British Medical Association
- National Association of Head Teachers

Observers from the following organisations:

- Department of Health, England
- Welsh Government
- DHSSPS, Northern Ireland
- Scottish Government
- Nursing and Midwifery Council
- NHS Education Scotland
- Care Quality Commission
- Health Professions Council

In matters of policy development the representation of children/young people should be facilitated whenever possible.

IV Proceedings

1) Committee members

The organisations represented shall nominate members to service at least a two year period. Membership organisations should ensure that attendees are able to represent a UK wide perspective.

2) Honorary officers

The committee shall elect bi-annually a Chair and a Vice-chair, one of whom shall be a nurse, and an Honorary Secretary. The Chair and Honorary Secretary shall be ex officio members of the committee

3) Co-opted members

The committee shall have the power to co-opt a representative from another organisation to provide expertise on a specific matter under discussion

4) Meetings

A meeting shall be convened at least twice a year. Member organisations are expected to ensure attendance at least alternate meetings to maintain membership of the committee

5) Finance

Members and co-opted members expenses will be met by the organisation they represent

6) Committee procedure

The normal rules of Committee procedure will apply

7) Agenda items

These should be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary at least one month prior to the meeting.

8) Amendments to Constitution

A two-thirds majority is required to amend the Constitution

9) Dissolution

A two-thirds majority is required for the Committee to be dissolved.

10) Voting

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Only members of the Committee are entitled to vote; observers are non-voting. Where there are issues of policy to be agreed there will be a one organisation one vote system.