

RCN Forum Annual Report 2020
**Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum (CYP PIF) Steering
Committee report**

Forum Name:

Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum (CYP PIF)

Introduction and Acknowledgement:

The year since the last CYP PIF report was written and circulated has been an extraordinary one. This is due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and the emergency measures required and taken by all organisations to manage and prevent COVID-19 infection.

It is pertinent to thank RCN Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum Steering Committee, CYP PI Forum members, Fiona Smith Professional Lead for Children and Young People's Nursing, Leeza Eriksen and Ana Champou CYP PIF administration support, without whom the work of CYP PIF could not have continued during this difficult year.

Meetings were organised via the online platforms of ZOOM and Microsoft Teams and this became the routine method for the group to communicate in addition to email, Facebook and the Twitter page.

Interviews for the two vacancies in the Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum Steering Committee were successfully conducted online and two new members, Lucia Ashton and Yasmin Khanagha are congratulated on their appointments which commence in January 2021. The online facility has enabled Lucia and Yasmin to join the CYP PIF monthly Teams meetings prior to their official commencement in 2021.

Background:

The CYP PI forum was established to provide strategic direction for the nursing communities it represents and the purpose of the CYP PI forum is to:

- Connect with RCN members and wider groups involved in the care of Children and Young People.
- Be the voice of CYP Professional issues forum members
- Set the agenda for the strategic direction of the CYP Professional Issues Forum and the communities linked to CYP PIF
- Shape, drive and develop nursing practice, providing opportunities for support, advice and professional development

- Advise, influence and inform decision-making to influence current and future health and social policy in the UK and internationally
- Facilitate the work of the CYP Professional issues communities to include operational plans, project bids and Congress activities
- Promote collaborative working across the CYP Professional issues communities and with external organisations

Communities linked to CYP PIF are:

- Pain in Children and Young People
- Children's Intensive Care Managers
- Advanced Nursing Practice
- Children's Leadership and Management
- Practice Development and Education Community
- Research in Child health

The connection with the networks has lost momentum and requires updating due to the current link members details being out of date.

This is an urgent action for the Children and Young People's Professional Issues Forum (CYP PIF) Steering Committee and will be added to the workplan for 2021.

Membership of the CYP PI forum:

The current membership number for the CYP PIF is 4,196 and there are weekly requests to join. Applications are reviewed by the RCN administrator to ensure that members are RCN members.

Steering Committee Members and term of office:

Jean Davies 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2022 Chair

Mary Brady 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2022

Doris Corkin 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2023

Judith Adams 30/10/2017 to 31/12/2021

Danielle Edge 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2023

Lucia Ashton 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2024 new member

Yasmin Khanagha 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2024 new member

Achievements in 2020: (Outputs and outcomes)

Danielle Edge set up and leads on the monitoring of the CYP PIF twitter page [@CYPPIF](#) – Twitter account.

Bids have been prepared and submitted to the Forum Governance Group (FGG) for the review and typesetting and design of outdated RCN CYP and other related publications. Work that entailed face to face consultation was postponed and strategies to continue with the concept of the work were discussed and implemented.

Doris Corkin circulated a 2020 article (as one of the authors) related to antibiotics and paediatric sepsis

Fiona Smith has circulated relevant documents and information throughout the year.

Conferences:

Jean Davies attended the PNAE (Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe) meetings online and prepared feedback reports and a Podcast for circulation to RCN and CYP PIF members.

Other conferences have been postponed, modified and provided online.

The annual CYP Forums conference is planned for February 2021, probably online, and CYP PIF will present 'Trauma informed care in nursing' at the conference.

Representation at meetings:

Danielle Edge has represented CYP PIF at the meetings to prepare the CYP Conference in February 2021.

Mary Brady represented RCN CYP Forums and provided evidence to the Health and Social Care Select Committee on CYP issues.

Jean Davies represented CYP PIF at the Forum Chairs monthly meetings chaired by Sally Bassett and has contributed to the development of a new Induction Pack for new Forum Members. The new pack will be launched at the Induction Day (online or face to face being decided) on the 10th of December 2020.

Jean Davies has attended the bi-annual PNAE meetings online to represent the RCN.

Social media – twitter chats, all members contribute to these platforms.

Congress – fringes or resolutions/ matters for discussion

The 2020 Congress did not take place and CYP PIF is preparing to attend Congress 2021.

The CYP PIF submission for a fringe event in 2020, 'Trauma Informed Nursing' was not successful.

New submissions are being requested for 2021 and CYP PIF will discuss possible contemporary topics to submit.

Attendance at RCN Congress 2021 is being decided and members have indicated their availability.

Collaboration/ projects with stakeholders e.g. colleges, Department of Health

The priority for contributions has related to COVID-19 management and prevention strategies.

Impact of forum work for the RCN member (4-country perspective).

There are no current projects for involvement but CYP PIF are keen to contribute to future work when requests received. The Forum ensures that as appropriate reviews and updating of RCN CYP publications encompasses a 4 country perspective.

Any other relevant information

Contribution to Consultations/Policy development

Steering Committee members contributed to News items and materials produced in relation to the management of the Coronavirus pandemic and COVID-19 infection prevention.

Plans for 2021:

Support new members of Steering Committee at meetings and at RCN Congress

Project bids prepared and submitted for action in 2021

Aspirations for future work for discussion at the CYP Strategy Day in February 2021

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