

members derive from it is the reason why many have stayed in their roles. This underpins the ongoing need for the HNA and its continued work within the UK.

In the past year we also ran three regional meetings to discuss the haemophilia nurse competency framework. This work is nearing completion and we hope to publish in coming months. In an increasingly busy, complex and changing healthcare setting, having an up to date competency framework ensures consistently high standards of care for patients throughout the UK.

In October 2018, the Contemporary Care of People with Bleeding Disorders course trained 24 participants from across the UK. This Haemnet course remains a unique, practical, hands-on course developed and delivered by expert nurses and physiotherapists, supplemented by invited specialists. It is the only course for allied care professionals specialising in the care of people with bleeding disorders, and takes a lot of work throughout the year, so it is gratifying to see it recognised in the currently ongoing peer review process.

Many nurses continue to face challenges in securing funding and study leave to attend educational events. The HNA believes that participation in our events greatly enhances the sense of community among HNA members and goes a long way towards ensuring a happy, well-educated and sustainable haemophilia nurse establishment for the future. We ask all our centre director colleagues to ensure that haemophilia nurses are supported to attend the educational opportunities that we offer.

The new peer review process started in autumn 2018 and has seen a vast change from the previous audit process. It has involved a great deal of work from our members along with others within the wider multidisciplinary team. We hope that the in-depth assessment of centres and the services they provide will ensure there is a greater equity of care provision and resources for patients across the UK. As this has occurred alongside the Infected Blood Inquiry and multiple changes in therapies, this year has resulted in heavily increased workloads all around. Even when we are not meeting face-to-face, we try to provide ongoing support for our members through the Haemnet community pages, supplemented by emails and phone contact for those in need.

HNA members are key stakeholders in the ongoing care of people living with bleeding disorders. This year HNA committee members have been active on initiatives within the UK haemophilia treaters community, including the CRG, CMU, the peer review group, and various UKHCDO working parties. We have been pleased to be invited to make comments on new prophylaxis guidance, and participated in public consultations for new therapies and the All-Party Parliamentary Group, and are keen to continue to have our voices heard as the field of bleeding disorders evolves over the coming years. On behalf of the HNA committee, I would like to thank all the members who work within the field and who continue to bring passion to their roles, ensuring that the national voice of haemophilia nursing is heard. Our speciality is changing rapidly. We have an amazing, passionate group of nurses providing excellent, high quality care and I am proud to be one of them.

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