

Haemophilia Nurses Association

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The Haemophilia Nursing Association (HNA) represents specialist nurses who care for people with bleeding disorders in the UK. In addition to a very successful AGM and conference, 2017 has witnessed several on-going initiatives introduced through our charity, Haemnet (www.haemnet.com).

Following a successful start in 2016, the Contemporary Care of People with Bleeding Disorders course will run in October 2017 with 16 participants from the UK and Ireland. This course really is unique as a practical, hands-on course developed and delivered by nurses from four key UK centres, supplemented by invited experts.

In addition, the ASPIRE clinical leadership development programme is now underway with a second cohort of 6 nurses and allied care professionals from centres across the UK.

We have continued to deliver allied health research and learning through Haemnet our education/research charity. These projects continue to enhance the level of practice and professionalism of nurses currently practising in the UK. This year we have published the results of the SO-FIT study, a 16 centre UK nurse-physio collaborative study. We have also completed studies about young people's views of living with a long-term inhibitor and a children's perspective of living with a platelet function disorder. We have several on-going studies and hope shortly to begin collaborating with UKHCDO members on studies around physical activity and pain.

We believe that participation in our events greatly enhances the sense of community among HNA members and will go some way towards ensuring a happy and well-educated haemophilia nurse establishment. However, funding and study leave for nurses pose a continuing challenge and many nurses will wish to attend the WFH congress in Glasgow (where we will be managing the treatment room during the congress and the pre-meeting NMO training sessions). Therefore, with some reluctance, we have decided not to hold our usual HNA annual meeting in 2018.

Instead, we will continue our educational activities in a new way this year; we are conducting workshops in abstract writing, poster making and presentation skills for those nurses who will be submitting their work to WFH and EAHAD. After WFH we will hold regional educational events to ensure that all UK nurses are able to hear about the new evidence presented at WFH

as we continue to improve haemophilia care in the UK. We ask our UKHCDO centre directors to ensure that haemophilia nurses are supported to attend the educational opportunities that we offer.

As well as being active on the steering committees of the EAHAD and WFH nursing committees, our members are active on new initiatives within the UK haemophilia treaters community, including the CRG, the Peer review group, and various UKHCDO working parties. I thank all nurses who are working on these groups and those who respond to questions to ensure that the national voice of haemophilia nursing is represented at these events. The peer review represents a considerable change in the auditing process and we hope to run appropriate training for nurses to enable them to participate fully in this early in 2018.



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