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BACCH Executive Committee

Election for Convenor and Trainee Reps
All members have been contacted by email or letter with information on how to vote. If you have not yet voted, please note both elections will close at 5pm on 20 January. You will need your membership number to vote, which was included in the email/letter. Contact the office if you have any problems (bacch@rcpch.ac.uk).
- Vote for Convenor (open to all members)
- Vote for Trainee reps (open to Trainee members only)

Nominations
Self nominations are sought to the positions of Deputy Academic Convenor
- See the BACCH website for further details

BACCH Position statement on the meaning of Integrated Care

BACCH Council has recently endorsed the Position Statement, which is now available on the BACCH website.
- Full statement and summary version are available

BACCH office - staff changes

Julia Wheal is retiring as BACCH Assistant Administrator at the end of January. The post has been advertised and it is hoped that a new member of staff will in place by March.

Health & Social Care Bill

From Simon Lenton, BACCH Chair

The Health and Social Care Bill continues to be debated in the House of Lords and there remain ongoing concerns about the potential fragmentation and lack of coverage particularly for the most vulnerable in society. Three of the most important issues include:
1. Restoring the duty of the Secretary of State to be responsible and directly accountable to parliament or the provision of a comprehensive service (as worded in the NHS 2006 Act)
2. Ensuring that Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are responsible for area-based populations that are contiguous, inclusive of all individuals and ideally, co-terminous with local authority boundaries.
3. Clarifying, with no ambiguity, the duties and responsibilities of all CCGs and local authorities to provide a comprehensive and equitable health service to an inclusive area-based population free at the point of delivery.

- Further information, including petition, on the ‘health professionals for NHS’ website

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**Training**
From Cliona Ni Bhrolchain, CSAC Chair

**Training Resource Pack**
We would welcome any feedback from trainees or trainers on the draft resource pack for level 3 training for consultation. We are also currently developing a web-based resource that people could add resources to.

- Further information and how to respond

Consultation ends: 15 January 2012.

**Call for CCH START assessors for ST7 trainees**
All ST7 trainees will have to complete the START assessment when it is introduced. We are currently short of CCH assessors and would encourage all BACCH members to consider applying if you fit the criteria.

- Further details

Application deadline: 16 January 2012

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**Paul Polani Research Award 2012**
The Paul Polani Research Award supports research and innovation in paediatric neurodisability in the UK. Research to build a robust evidence-base is essential to provide optimal service to maintain and strengthen resources for Children and Young People with Disabilities and their families. Applications for the 2012 Award are now being accepted. Up to £7,500 is available to enable teams/individuals to pilot, undertake, or complete research projects based in paediatric neurodisability.

- Further information on the BACD website
- or contact kelly.robinson@rcpch.ac.uk

Application deadline: 30 January 2012

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**Child Abuse Review – call for Associate Editors**
BASPCAN’s journal, *Child Abuse Review*, is looking for two new Associate Editors. Applications are welcome from all relevant disciplines including social work, psychology, child and adolescent psychiatry, paediatrics, law and law enforcement, nursing and education. Previous Editorial Board experience is not necessary but experience of writing and reviewing for publication is essential. Main duties involve reviewing and obtaining peer reviews of papers.

If you are interested or wish to put forward a colleague, details of responsibilities are obtainable from Julia Walsh (email, julia.walsh@southwarkpct.nhs.uk, tel. 020 7525 0012).

Application deadline: 27 January 2012

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**Child protection – dates for your diary in early 2012**
From Nick Libell, RCPCH Child Protection Policy Lead
January
- The revised [GMC guidance on child protection](http://www.gmc-uk.org) will be published.
- The Department of Health will be producing on a [child protection framework of accountabilities](http://www.dh.gov.uk) in light of the Health and Social Care Bill. Of particular importance to the College is ensuring the various commissioning bodies and their responsibilities are integrated and that a strong accountability structure is in place. This includes the linkages between LSCBs and Health and Wellbeing Boards, as well as CCGs and sub-national presences of the NHS Commissioning Board. Further, the enhancement of the role and future arrangements for named and designated doctors are crucial.

February
- Revised statutory guidance on child protection, [Working Together to Safeguard Children](http://www.gov.uk), will be published for consultation. The College have been reading and amending revised chapters over the last two months.
- RCPCH will be holding an engagement on 27 February and consultation event for named and designated doctors. [Full details](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk).

March
- RCPCH will be holding another two-day training course on 12-13 March, [Child Protection: from examination to court](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk) following our sell-out course in October this year.

May
- The Child Protection Standing Committee, chaired by Dr Amanda Thomas, will be holding an afternoon event at the RCPCH Annual Conference. Contact Nick Libell if you would like to know more ([nick.libell@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:nick.libell@rcpch.ac.uk)).

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**Events**

**RCPCH 2012 Conference**
The joint BACCH/YPHSIG/BPMHG session will be on ‘Young people: Health risks and solutions’ and will be held on the afternoon of 22 May. Further details on the session will follow when available.
- [See RCPCH website for details on how to register for the conference](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk).

**BACCH Annual scientific Meeting 2012- SAVE THE DATE**
The ASM will be held 9-10 October 2012 in Birmingham. Further details to follow.

**Other events**

Professor Ruth Gilbert (UCL Institute of Child Health) will present results of a study of child maltreatment trends and policies across six countries/states: England, USA, Sweden, New Zealand, Western Australia (Australia) and Manitoba (Canada).
- [Full details](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk).

**26-27 January, British Paediatric Mental Health Group Winter Meeting (Northampton)**
‘What every paediatrician needs to know about mental health.’
- [Full details on the BPMHG website](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk).

**27 January, British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology Conference (London)**
Topics include: Long term outcomes of NBHS, Cochlear Amplification and stereocilia function, Immunology and the middle ear, Down Syndrome: an ENT perspective, Cholesteatoma and Let's debate Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder.
- [Full details on the BAPA website](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk).

**2 March 2012, BACD Annual Scientific Meeting (Derby)**
This year's Meeting, "What's new in neurodisability?" will take place in Derby and will provide a series of updates in a selection of different areas of neurodisability.
- [Full details including registration](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk).

**5-6 March, Managing Children with Cerebral Palsy (London)**
The course aims to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to the assessment and management of multiple aspects of cerebral palsy.

- **Full details**

**12-13 March, Community Child Health Course at Imperial College (London)**
The annual Community Child health course held in November was over-subscribed and is being held again in March 2012. Topics will include, Public Health, ASD, Neurodisability, Safeguarding, Learning Disability and General Paediatrics.

- **Full details**

**23 March, SACCH Conference: Community and Acute Paediatrics - Where are you on the Spectrum? (Perth)**

- **Further details, registration and abstract submission**

**6 & 7 September, George Still Forum Study Days (London)**
The 6 September event will be on ADHD Masterclass: Myths and Reality’. The 7 September is title ‘GSF National ADHD Study Day’.

- **Further details on the GSF website**

**6-8 September, ISSOP Conference (St Andrews)**

- **Further details on the event website**

**Conference Directory**

- **All conference and events listings on BACCH website**

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