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# **UK ANNCCR**

UK Allied Health Professional and Nurses Network for Critical Care Research.

### Welcome to ANNCCR!

We are delighted to be contacting you all, following your interest in joining UK ANNCCR (@UK\_ANNCCR)

In this newsletter we want to let you know what is currently happening with the network and what the plans for the future are.



## What you would like from the UK ANNCCR?

You told us what you would like from the UK ANNCCR group in a survey.

Since May last year we polled the nursing and AHP research community to find out what they would value in a critical care research network and have had a fantastically enthused response with over 160 replies.

Around two thirds of respondents had a background in nursing, another third were AHPs from a variety of professions and a small number were based in an assortment of research roles. Around two thirds were working in a clinical capacity with another third made up from various academic backgrounds. A little over half the respondents were involved either as a chief, principal or co-investigator.

The majority of respondents (70-85%) had experience in the implementation phase of research (screening, recruitment & consent, completion of CRFs) with a smaller number (40-60%) involved with the pre/post work (protocol development, ethics/R&D, data analysis, study write-ups).

In terms of the current level of support around two thirds had access to local peer support and around half had a research manager or research & innovation department for advice/guidance. Less than a third of respondents had access to other forms of support.

The most valued aspects for a future research network were around building links through a network of peers, a discussion forum and collaborative research opportunities. Links to resources around training, guidelines and career progression were also valued but to a lesser degree.







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## From this feedback we have......

1. Changed our website home from NIHR google platform to UKCCRG. We'd had feedback that a lot of people could not access the NIHR pages from their NHS Trust computers, therefore we looked for an alternative solution. UKANNCCR emerged from and is aligned to UKCCRG values, so it is a perfect host for us. Please see



2. We have created a securely held email list of 176 members. If you would no longer like to be on this list please get in touch. Our GDPR policy is on the website.

We plan to review what members would like from ANNCCR in terms of access to mentorship, networking, growing nurse-AHP led research and support the membership.

#### The UKCCRG annual forum #UKCCRF19

www.ukccrg.org/annccr

Register now for the twelfth national forum for clinical research in critical care, emergency medicine and acute medicine (UKCCRF)! This year's event will be hosted by Dr Simon Whiteley and Elizabeth Wilby at The Rose Bowl, Leeds on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Nurse/AHP fees are only £70 for two days and it is a fantastic event, with nurses/AHPs comprising more than half of the attendees. If you'd like to present your proposal idea, please see @UKCCRGroup and submit to Dr Simon Whiteley. The UKCCRG website is now up and running, please take a look for more information on UKCCRG and ANNCCR.



#### The BACCN Conference

The 34th annual BACCN conference is being held in Edinburgh on the 16th and 17th September 2019. This year's theme is moral courage: Meeting the Challenges of a Contemporary Healthcare System. This conference is a great opportunity for critical care researchers from across the UK and beyond to present their work, network, with likeminded people and generate new research ideas and collaborations. In particular, the Scottish Critical Care Interdisciplinary Research Group

symposium discussing their research activities and exploring different research methodologies. For more information please visit: https://www.baccn.org/conference-2019/

#### THANK YOU ALL FOR YOU FNTHUSIASM

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and interaction with the network. We look forward to communicating, collaborating and sharing ideas with you all.

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