

## **Grant Report**

### **BACCN Conference 2023– Kate Tantam**

“If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far, go together” Leary A (2023) BACCN Keynote

This statement for me summed up the BACCN conference this year. It was the opportunity I think so many of us had been looking for. A chance to regroup, network, challenge, innovate, explore, and nurture each other after what has been the biggest challenge of many of our careers if not lifetimes.

The keynotes and conference content fuelled conversations about leadership, political engagement, sustainability, clinical research and expert clinical practice from across the globe. It was heartening to see the next generation of ICU teams collaborating together to push and challenge the boundaries of both nursing and critical care.

The opportunities to network and unwind were exactly what clinical teams needed. A pause in the pace and clinical challenges of a busy day on the shop floor. A chance to re-examine roles, expectations, capacity, value and expertise.

Since the conference we now use the phrase “Ubuntu” ( I see you) as we model and push towards transformative inclusion in our workplace. The space that conference gave us as clinical team allowed us to remember why we nurse, who we nurse for, and what nursing means to us.

On behalf of the SW team – Thank you

