

Introduction by AAPE UK Chair

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AAPE UK AGM & Committee Election Results

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AAPE UK Committee 23/24 and 24/25

- Anna Jones (Chair)
- Helen Francis-Wenger (Deputy Chair)
- Deborah Slade (Treasurer)
- Jonathan Thomas (Membership Secretary)
- John Cathcart (Northern Ireland Representative)
- Angela Banks (Election Officer)
- Sue Faulds (Social Media)
- Colette Henderson (Scotland Representative)
- Melanie Clarkson (Lead for International)
- Helen Rushforth (NMC Representative)
- Louise Beesley (Secretary)
- Diane Reid (Conference Lead)
- Stephen Andrew Whyte (Social Media/ Membership Updates)
- Vicky McArthur (Lead for EPAO)
- Ollie Phipps

AAPE UK Committee: Advisors 23/24 and 24/5

- Pippa Clark – Midwifery / Neonatal ANP



AAPE UK: International representation

- Melanie Clarkson – Lead
- Colette Henderson and Jonathan Thomas - deputy leads

Minutes from AGM 2023 are available in the form of the presentation on the website for review.

- For approval- Approved by the committee.
- Matters arising - nil received from the membership.

Chair's report activities 23/24

- ✓ Thank you to Hallam Medical for continued support. We look forward to working with you closely again over the coming year.
- ✓ We continue to offer AAPEUK membership free to all HEIs as a result of Hallam Medical's kind support. Please contact Jonathan Thomas Jonathan.W.Thomas@Swansea.ac.uk if your institution has not yet joined.
- ✓ Increased visibility for the association within the educational sector.
- ✓ Wider representation on Committee from the 4 Countries and the MOU between AAPEUK, WAPEN and SAPEN updated and available on the AAPE UK website – we continue to work closely with all.
- ✓ Working with Professional Bodies such as the NMC in their work on Regulation of Advanced Practitioners (Nursing and Midwifery), with AAPE UK representation on the steering group and in workstream Task and Finish and Engagement groups.
- ✓ Working with NHSE and the Centre for Advancing Practice to support AP work

AAPE website refresh

- <https://aape.org.uk/>

Chairs report activities 23/24 cont'd

- ✓ We continue to work with and support the Council of Deans for Health
- ✓ Continuing to work with NHS England, the Centre for Advancing Practice
- ✓ Social media X followers are now 4193 😊. @AAPEUK and join us.
- ✓ We now have a LinkedIn presence, with 152 followers.
- ✓ Work continues with the ACP Apprenticeship End Point Assessment, with AAPE UK hosting the EPAO. We have are proud to support the subgroup assessors meetings which are popular.
- ✓ ACP Apprenticeship Materials all in members only area of the website.
- ✓ The committee have published several articles in a number of journals/

Proposed changes to the Constitution for 2024/25

- Minor amendments to wording throughout.
- Article 5.8 wording amended to include ‘support **for** other activities’
- Article 6.1.3 to remove category of International Affiliate Membership, due to development of International group within AAPE UK and to include in Article 6.1.3 Associate Membership to End Point Assessment Organisation Membership (EPAO).
- Article 6.2.5 - to remove ‘Full International Affiliate Members’ and to include ‘EPAO Members’.
- Article 7.2- to remove reference to Full International Affiliate Members and Affiliate Members eligibility to stand for the committee membership.
- Article 7.7- to remove Full International Affiliate Members and Affiliate Members eligibility to stand for the committee membership.
- Article 7.8 – to remove reference to International Affiliate Members and include Advisors and EPAO Members.

Election Results for 23/24

- Please welcome the following people who have elected /re-elected to the committee.

Re-Elected

- Jonathan Thomas - Swansea University
- Helen Francis-Wenger- University of Plymouth
- Louise Beesley – University of Birmingham

- Thank you all for your continued support of AAPE UK

Newly-Elected

- Ollie Phipps – Canterbury Christchurch University
- Welcome/ Croeso Ollie!

Thanks to Committee members standing down and retiring.

- Kathy Haigh – Chair.
- What a force of nature you have been Kathy! We thank you and miss you!

Finance Report for 23/24

- Deborah Slade-Treasurer.

AAPE UK Bank Account activity for financial year (April 2023 – March 2024)

	Paid in	Paid out	Remaining balance
AAPE UK			£9,252.62 (c/f: 1/4/23)
Hallam Medical Sponsor 14/08/2023	£4000		13,252.62
Sponsorship of members: Conference attendance Research / project work		£1349.04	£11903.58
Combine Studio – website development and maintenance		£6280	£5623.58
AAPE UK Committee meeting accomodation and travel costs		£2319.84	£3303.74
Google Cloud EMEA		£422.21	£2881.53
Miscellaneous payments.		£185.34	£2696.19 (20/11/2024)

Update on Advanced Practice across the four countries of UK

Advanced Clinical Practice developments in Scotland

Scottish Reps for AAPE UK Committee

Colette Henderson – University of Dundee

Scotland update

- Aberdeen 9-12 September 2024 ICN NPAPN Network Conference. A very successful conference – well done to all involved.
- The Advanced Practice toolkit has been updated:
<https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/63343/advanced-practice-toolkit>

Scotland update

- The next newsletter is due out soon, we are just waiting for final articles.
- SAPEN continue to meet 6 weekly.
- The AP doctoral support network is increasing in size, it is made up of colleagues from Scotland (and England now) who are doing doctoral studies focused on AP. We have about 25 members and the network will be joining an NMC session on 3rd December discussing their current research. We also have international colleagues joining us to share their research.
- The Mental Health AP support network continue to meet regularly.
- We are about to publish an article in the British Journal of Nursing about work we did in one board area looking at nurse AP referrals.
- We have established a national approach to CPD, and a colleague is leading on this (Lizanne Hamilton-Smith).

Scotland update (continued)

- As a result of the inaugural meeting in Aberdeen, we have established an International Advanced Practice Educators Network and our website is here: [Global Nursing Educators Collaboration Landing Page | APN Educators International](#)
- We are working on priorities and collaborative work which includes supporting new faculty, sharing best practice and undertaking research and publishing. We had our first meeting since Aberdeen on the 1st November and have agreed to meet every 6 weeks.
- ICN NPAPN network can be joined here: [ICN NP/APN Network - Membership - JOIN US!](#) It is free to join and you will be kept updated about the network work. The next newsletter is due out soon and will include highlights from the Aberdeen conference. This is nurse focused though.
- ICN Congress takes place in Helsinki Finland in June 2025 and AAPE UK colleagues have presentations both oral and poster accepted
- ICN NPAPN Network conference is in Nashville, Tennessee September 2026
- We have agreed to work with colleagues on cross country teaching
- The global perspective of advanced practice research has been published and is available here: <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11218965/>
- With colleagues from the global team we undertook a concept analysis looking at Primary Healthcare Nurse Practitioners Globally and this has been submitted for publication (not yet published).

Advanced Clinical Practice developments in Wales

Welsh representatives on AAPE UK Committee

Jonathan Thomas – Swansea University

Member of Welsh Advanced Practice Educators
Network (WAPEN)

AAPE UK Membership Secretary.

Wales Update

- WAPEN updates
 - New chair appointed and deputy chair – Ffion Simcox and Geinor Bean
 - Former chair's tenure ended
 - Continue to work with colleagues across Wales
- International partnership working continues
- NP/APN conference has strong Welsh representation
- Welsh representation with the NMC regulation work

HEIW

- Commissioning of post graduate education continues
 - Tender for IP and V150 submitted
 - Awaiting advanced practice tender
- Standards for Competency Assurance for Independent and Supplementary Prescribers – 2023
- Multi-professional Musculoskeletal Capability Framework for Primary Care – 2024
- All Wales Urgent Primary Care Practitioner Competency Framework

Wales Update

- Health boards currently working to implement EAC framework
 - Governance of advanced practice
 - Verification of advanced practice titles
- Six universities continue to offer advanced practice education programmes
- Welsh Advisory Group for Advanced Clinical Practice continue to meet

Advanced Clinical Practice developments in Northern Ireland

- John Cathcart Northern Ireland AAPE UK rep

Northern Ireland Update

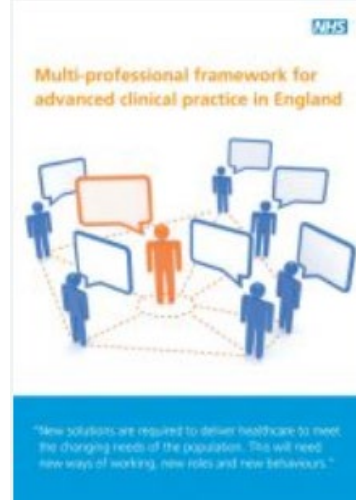
- Currently the provision of Advanced practice in NI is under review with the Chief Nursing officer NI and Chief AHPO officer for NI.
- It is foreseen to have more shared education across modules in a multi-disciplinary structure with profession/discipline/pathway specific modules available (meetings are ongoing), with two new multidisciplinary programmes on the horizon for September 2025 at Queens University and Ulster University.
- The setting up of an Advanced Practice Academy is being looked at for NI.
- Commissioning of modules and courses by DoH NI is ongoing to meet the NI requirements.
- Advanced Nursing Practice in Northern Ireland: Analysis and recommendations were published in Nov 2023 [doh-nipec-anp.pdf](#) ([health-ni.gov.uk](#))

Advanced Clinical Practice developments in England

Rest of AAPE UK Committee from different areas of
England

- Helen Rushforth, University of Southampton
- Helen Francis-Wenger, University of Plymouth

NHSE Centre for Advancing Practice.



- AAPEUK continues to work closely with the NHS England (formerly Health Education England) '[Centre for Advancing Practice](#)'.
- Central to its work is the 2017 '**Multi-Professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England**' (MPF) and opportunity for those successfully evidencing achievement of the MPF capabilities via approved study routes to achieve the **Digital Badge**.
- Minor refresh of MPF to be published Spring 2025, which:
 - Replaces 'Advanced Clinical Practice' with 'Advanced Practice'
 - Strengthens and updates the introduction and supporting material
 - Makes a minor change to capability 1.5 (clinical) and 2.1 (leadership) to include 'demonstration of inclusive attitudes and behaviours' in the framework.



NHSE Centre for Advancing Practice Education Assurance Group (EAG)

- Helen Rushforth continues to represent AAPE on the Education Assurance Group (EAG) of the NHSE Centre for Advancing Practice.
- The role of EAG is to quality monitor
 - Programme Accreditation endorsement
 - The E-supported (portfolio) route – alternative route to the Digital Badge
 - Credentialing Specification endorsement
 - First Contact Practitioner recognition
- EAG meet approximately once every six weeks.
- Key updates as follows:

Education Assurance Group updates:

- There remains a high level of engagement with **Programme Accreditation**, with approx. 140 programmes accredited to date, and a number of more speciality focused credentials now coming forward.
- There has been streamlining of processes associated with the **E-supported (portfolio) route**, with around 500 candidates to date having been awarded the Digital Badge via this route from Cohorts 1-3.
- **Cohort 4a** is starting soon (Jan 25) and **cohort 4b** soon after.
- It is hoped there will be **two cohorts per year** going forward to meet demand, and the route will extend beyond 2027 if required.
- There are 11 **Credential Specifications** published to date – see [LINK](#).
- Work on **a further seven credentials** are at various stages in the endorsement and publication process, with three (Paediatrics and Child Health, Musculoskeletal Conditions and Respiratory) endorsed and due to be published soon.
- Going forward, to avoid confusion with other non NHSE Credentials, these will be **renamed** ‘Multi Professional Area Specific Capabilities and Guidelines’.

Other Key Centre for Advancing Practice Activity

- The Centre continues to hold its popular annual **on line Conference** each November, linking in with international ‘Advanced Practice week’, most recently in Nov 2024 with around 3000 registered delegates.
- See [LINK](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to catch up on videos of the sessions from 2024 and previous conferences.
- In Spring 2025, a refreshed version of the ‘**Workplace Supervision for Advanced Practice**’ will be launched.
- In February 2024 the centre launched its new ‘**Multi Professional Research Capabilities Framework**’ which will help to support students, practitioners and employers to maximise engagement with research activity across practitioners’ careers. See [LINK](#)



Advanced Clinical Practitioner Apprenticeship

- 58 HEIs represented at the EPAO network
- EPAO network no needs individual membership to access resources – request at www.aape.org.uk
- Independent Assessors Subgroup – contact victorialack@yahoo.co.uk
- EPA voted to change element 2 of the ACP EPA Presentation of Practice from a 1500 word report and 35min presentation to a 60-minute presentation only. This will be via a dispensation and can be introduced by the HEI at the next available opportunity. Watch out for banner [HERE](#)
- vmacarthur@aape.org.uk

Action planning for 2024-2025

- Continue input into four country activities.
- Promote membership AAPE UK to more Universities.
- We will continue to work with Craig Richardson, Combine Studios craig@combinestudio.com to further develop the website. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.
- Continue work with NHSE, Professional Bodies (NMC and review of AP regulation, HCPC and PSRBs) and the Council of Deans for Health.
- Key work is to further develop International relationships and collaboration. Watch the website and AAPE info for details.

Action Planning for 2024/2025

- Develop research and publication outputs.
- Funding available for members for conference attendance – see website for details.
- Reminder of Advanced Practice workbook available for students on the website for members.
- Advanced Practice week November 2025
- Proposed Conference & AGM 20th June 2025 – would December be a better time of year to hold the conference?
- **Your suggestions?**

Any other business

Poster time !

Lisa Locker – Hallam Medical

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