



British Association of Perinatal Medicine

The British Association of Perinatal Medicine (BAPM)

Leading Excellence in Perinatal Care

Strategy 2017-2020

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View from the President

This is the second BAPM strategy document, developed following consultation with members and facilitated discussions during an Executive Committee away-day in January 2017. Our previous strategy (developed in 2013) focussed on three broad strands: quality in neonatal care; family engagement; promoting research and academic excellence. Over the past four years, the Association's work programme has been concentrated (although not exclusively) on these areas and has successfully delivered numerous outputs against many of the original goals.

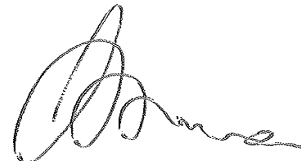
Our strategy should clearly evolve in response to current conditions 'on the ground' in addition to reflecting the needs and views of the membership. Our proposed strategic aims for the next 3-4 years will build on our previous work as well as widening the Association's resources available to everyone involved in the care of our patients and their families. To this end we have defined the strategic aims of BAPM as:

1. To help deliver high quality perinatal care
2. To provide support and advocacy for perinatal professionals
3. To promote research and innovation in perinatal care
4. To provide advocacy for babies and their families

As you will see from the proposed work plan below we have set ambitious goals. BAPM depends upon input from its membership to provide both personnel and direction for its work. Please consider which area is of interest, and either apply for membership of a specific working group, or contact us to find out more of the detail behind any aspect of the strategy.



Alan Fenton
President



Gopi Menon
President Elect

Vision

Our vision is for every baby and their family in the British Isles to receive the highest standard of perinatal care.

Mission

Our mission is to improve standards of perinatal care by supporting all those involved in perinatal care to optimise their skills and knowledge, promote high quality, safe and innovative practice, encourage research, and speak out for the needs of babies and their families.

Values

- Family Centred Care

We believe that involving families as partners in decision making and care provision provides the best outcomes for babies.

- Working collaboratively

We believe that a collaborative approach where all health professionals work together provides the safest and most effective service for babies and families.

- Trust and Transparency

We believe in maintaining the highest standards of integrity and quality in delivering our work on behalf of our members and their patients and families.

Strategic aims:

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1. Strategic aim: to ensure high quality perinatal care

In 2017-2020 BAPM will:

- Define quality indicators for neonatal care.
- Continue to produce and revise Frameworks for Practice for specific aspects of perinatal care in the British Isles.
- Produce a workforce strategy for neonatal care.
- Develop a career development pathway for Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioners.

BAPM's upcoming Frameworks for Practice

- Patient consent and explanation of risk
- Care of moderate to late preterm infants
- SNOMED-CT
- Optimal arrangements for LNUs and SCUs

To suggest a topic for a BAPM framework for practice, or volunteer for a working group contact bapm@rcpch.ac.uk.

"The tertiary NICU at Plymouth Hospital's NHS Trust (PHNT) has used the BAPM SERVICE STANDARDS FOR HOSPITALS PROVIDING NEONATAL CARE (3rd edition) 2010 as the template to inform our nursing and allied health professionals (AHP) workforce. With the support of PHNT management executive, we have achieved BAPM standards, that is 1:1 in ICU, 1:2 in HDU & 1:4 in SCU. Additionally we have physiotherapy, speech and language, psychology and specialist clinical pharmacist supporting the care of the neonatal population at PHNT."

Róisín McKeon-Carter, Neonatal Service Line Clinical Director and Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Derriford Hospital

2. Strategic aim: to provide support for all professionals involved in the delivery of perinatal care

In 2017-2020 BAPM will:

- Update and relaunch the BAPM website.
- Provide regular updates to BAPM members on news, policy and research.
- Develop a bank of resources for Continuing Professional Development for BAPM members.
- Continue to provide annual CPD meetings for perinatal professionals.
- Increase engagement of nurses and LNU / SCU staff in the BAPM work programme.

3. Strategic aim: to promote research and innovation

In 2017-2020 BAPM will:

- Showcase the latest developments in perinatal research and practice at the Annual Conference and Scientific Meeting.
- Deliver a national programme of research skills training events.

“Very useful; very interactive. Practical. I would recommend this course to anyone interested in getting involved in research.”

Delegate on Research Skills Training event 2016.

4. Strategic aim: to provide advocacy for babies and their families

In 2017-2020 BAPM will:

- Actively lobby the governments and policy makers of all UK nations to gain support in improving standards in perinatal care.
- Represent the views of BAPM members and their patients on national and stakeholder bodies.