

Sixth Edition Autumn 2024



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Chapter of Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter. We hope you have enjoyed some sunshine and a bit of rest and recuperation over the summer months.

We have some exciting announcements in this edition of the newsletter and we look forward to sharing some fantastic educational opportunities.



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Organ Donation Week 2024

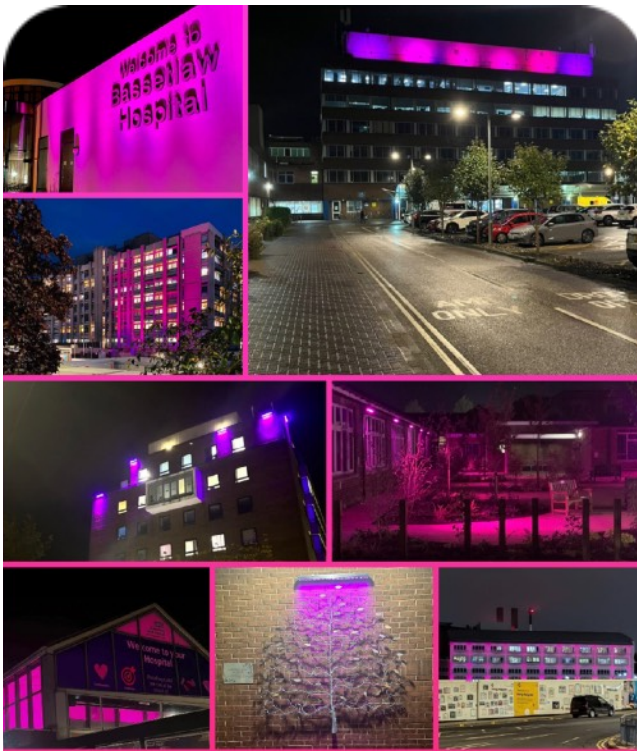
The week commencing the 23rd September saw some fantastic events held around the country to mark Organ Donation Week. Colleagues from across the country organised celebrations which also marked the 30th year of the NHS Organ Donor Register.



Organ Donation Week also celebrated 2024's Race for Recipients seeing over 5000 participants run, walk, cycle and generally make purposeful movements to raise awareness about organ donation and transplantation and to encourage people to let their relatives know their decisions about organ donation.

There was some great camaraderie and lots of healthy competition across hospitals and regions!

We hope you enjoyed taking part!



**ORGAN DONATION WEEK 2024
BASSETLAW, DONCASTER YORK, LINCOLN, GRANTHAM,
CHESTERFIELD & LEEDS HOSPITALS**



Inspire



Clare Jones, Lead Nurse Organ Donation, NHSBT, Yorkshire Region, has kindly shared her experience of submitting a poster to a national conference. If you are considering submitting a poster to BTS Congress 2025 Clare has included some fantastic tips on how she took an idea and turned it into an award winning poster!

HOW TO CREATE A PROFESSIONAL ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The first rule when considering submitting an abstract for a conference, meeting, competition or publication is not to feel daunted by the process!

If you have a great idea, want to celebrate good practice or share lessons learned then an abstract for an oral or poster presentation is a great way to communicate your experience and learning. It might be the start of implementing real change in your chosen area and could ignite interest from likeminded professionals who may continue to develop and make advances in the field.

You may have led on a piece of research or audit, developed a tool to collect data and change practice, written an article for a professional journal or have an interesting case study to share. The hard work is doing all of that so producing an abstract is the easy bit!

As nurses and AHP's we are imaginative and creative, and we have developed skills in solving problems and coming up with great ideas...so don't feel overwhelmed by celebrating your achievements on a poster for your colleagues to see. It's a great opportunity to showcase your work, helps associate you with a specific topic and increase your profile and professional reputation as well as something really impressive to discuss at interview.



If you are submitting an abstract to a conference, consider who your audience will be made up of. Is your topic relevant to that group of experts? Will they be interested in what you have to say? You may be chosen to present your findings so be prepared to deliver it in a formal auditorium or maybe less formally in a poster gallery but....be prepared to answer questions about your work.

You may just want to share something locally and have a poster in your office or clinical area that demonstrates your idea or project and not go anywhere near a conference- don't be put off- it doesn't need to be associated with a formal piece of academic work or qualification. It could just be that you or your team have done something great and you want to share it and celebrate so give it a go!

Here is a step-by-step guide to get you started.

1. **You'll need a template.** This would usually be provided by the organisation hosting the conference. The template allows you to structure your information and the conference site will have information about templates, word counts and deadlines etc.

2. **You'll need a title.** Something short and instantly interesting to draw the reader in. It could be written as a statement or a question or written as 2 parts to describe what kind of information you are sharing, for example

Topic title.

A literature review to discuss (the idea you are presenting)

Or


Topic title.

Are we doing enough to (what is the desired outcome of your idea)?

Or

Topic title

Development of an audit tool to (what is the aim of the piece of work)

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3. Don't forget to include your **name** and anyone else who contributed to the work **or authors if you have written up your work for a professional publication** within the submission form.
 4. Your first section should be an **Introduction** with a brief explanation of why you chose to undertake the piece of work and the background to this.
 5. Next should be the **Method**. Start with an aim statement followed by how did you do what you did.
 6. Your **Results** should come next. What did you find? Briefly describe your findings and consider how to present them-maybe as a graph, a table or a pie chart.
 7. What did you find? Your **Conclusion** may be demonstrating which model worked best, did your findings support your aim statement or did your audit not demonstrate a significant improvement/ difference.
 8. What are you going to do now? **Next Steps** or a **discussion about future plans** should be included here.
 9. Do you have **References** to support your work? List some key ones here.
 10. And finally, **make certain you read the rules of submission**, abstracts are usually reviewed blindly and including your name or hospital could jeopardise the scores for an otherwise brilliant idea or project submission.

Don't forget to include graphs, pictures, photographs, to engage the reviewer.

GOOD LUCK!

To submit an abstract to the BTS NHSBT 2025 Congress [Click Here](#)



Connect



There are some exciting educational events on the horizon, here is a summary below.

BTS Monothematic Meeting, Thursday 7th November, Fetal Medicine Research Institute, King's College Hospital, London.




The BTS will hold a one-day meeting to bring together researchers and clinicians to examine major issues around ageing and deceased donor kidney, and liver, transplantation. As the UK's population ages and accumulates multiple co-morbidities, transplant units are facing progressively difficult choices around the utilisation of organs from older donors, and how to optimise outcomes in elderly recipients. The meeting will examine the fundamental biological changes in ageing organs, novel interventions, and technological approaches to the older donor, with UK-based and international speakers. The final session will focus on 'pre-habilitation' and will update colleagues on UK and international evidence in this increasingly important field.

[Click here to register](#)

International Living Donor Liver Transplant UK Symposium, 8th November, Fetal Medicine Research Institute, King's College Hospital, London.



The BTS, co-badged with the International Living Donor Liver Transplant Group (iLDLTG), will hold a one-day meeting to follow the Monothematic meeting (as above), bringing together experts in living donor liver transplantation from around the world to share their experiences of donor selection, donor and recipient surgical techniques (including minimally invasive approaches), long-term follow-up, ethical



considerations around donation, and share the UK experience thus far. The timing is apt as there is a national drive through NHSBT to increase living donor liver transplants in the UK. We will also hear from the experts in the West on the challenges and also discuss in a panel forum on how to overcome these in terms of setting up and delivering a successful service. Importantly, there will be an opportunity for young surgeons to meet the experts in a one-to-one session to explore the possibility of travelling to the expert's centre for gaining experience.

[Click here to register](#)





Nurse & AHP Masterclass, 11th March 2025, Hilton by Double Tree, Brighton

Time	Presenter	Content
14:00 – 15:00hr	Dr Rachel Clarke	Author of “The Story of a Heart” The journey of Kiera’s heart that was transplanted into Max, resulting in Max and Kiera’s law.
15:00 – 16:00hr		Panel discussion: TBC
16:00 – 16:30hr	Refreshment break	
16:30 – 17:30hr	Dr Julieanne Briones, Clinical Psychologist	Resilience and stress response
17:30 – 18:30hr	Charlee Lystor and Laura Owen from the NHSBT Corporate nursing team.	The Professional Nurse Advocate Role

Attendance at conferences can be expensive and the BTS are keen to promote the [bursary schemes](#) (Click for link) open to its members.

Chiesi Nurse and AHP Bursary to attend BTS Congress 2025

Chiesi have generously agreed to award a £500 bursary for 15 non-medical staff delegates who elect to submit an abstract for Congress in March. Submissions will be reviewed alongside the abstract and successful applicants will be notified in due course. Please refer to the flyer overleaf.

Please note the Chiesi bursary scheme is only open to Nursing/AHP staff whose conference fees will not be covered by their employer? (e.g. non NHSBT)



Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professional Bursaries for 2025

For more details on how to apply and eligibility criteria please



[click here](#)

A number of bursaries are available via the British Transplantation Society that have been supported through funding from Chiesi Limited. They are available to support attendance at the **British Transplantation Society Annual Congress 2025 in Brighton.**

Successful applicants will also be invited to the award dinner to share their research informally over dinner and have the opportunity for discussion with other bursary-winning researchers in the transplant field.



Letter of support to attend congress

The British Transplantation Society are keen to encourage new members to join the BTS for their professional development, networking and shared practice opportunities this can provide.

In order to help nurses/AHPs facilitate attendance at the [BTS Annual Congress](#) through their line manager, we provide a letter of support at the link below to aid requests to attend.

[Letter of Support](#)

[BTS Congress 2025](#)

BTS Andrew Paris Memorial 2024 Fellowships, closing date for applications 17:00 30th November 2024

The purpose of the awards is to enable the fellowship recipient to visit other transplant centres in the United Kingdom or abroad to widen their knowledge and experience.

Awards of up to £2,500 each will be made in a calendar year.

Applications are invited from healthcare professionals in all aspects of transplantation. These may include basic scientists, surgeons, physicians, nurses and others whose work benefits transplant patients.

Applicants should be resident in the United Kingdom and a current member of the British Transplantation Society at the time of the application being submitted.

Please see the link below for further information and the background to this fantastic scheme.

[Further Information](#)

Inclusion



Call for co-opts to the Chapter of Nurses and AHP

What does it mean?

Co-opt – ‘appoint to membership of a committee or other body by invitation of the existing members’

The Chapter of Nurses and AHP are looking for BTS members to work alongside existing members of the committee from broad professional backgrounds working in the area of transplantation.

We are particularly keen to promote the following areas:

- Living donation
- Paediatrics
- Dietetics
- Physiotherapists
- Pharmacists
- Operating Department Practitioners

What is involved?

Each member is elected for a term of 3 years initially with the option of undertaking a second term. The purpose of the co-opt member is to support the Chairs of the Chapter of Nurse/AHPS to promote the work of Council amongst nurses and AHPs and guide future work of BTS.

All elected Members are required to attend 75% of meetings and actively participate. You should seek the support of your line manager before applying for this role to ensure that support to attend such meetings is agreed.

All members are expected to take a proactive role in discussions in order to ensure and encourage collaborative working.

The group will meet twice a year prior to the Council Meeting to discuss points for the Co-Chairs to raise. Following Council Meetings Co-Chairs will report back to the group outcomes and objectives.

How do I apply?

All committee members will be elected using a formal and transparent process following submission of Expressions of Interest to Co-Chair of Chapter of Nurses. In the instance of not receiving sufficient Expressions of Interest then the Co-Chairs will co-opt members.

Please send your application, consisting of no more than 500 words stating which area of transplant speciality you are applying for to the [BTS secretariat here](#).



We look forward to seeing many of you at [BTS Congress 2025](#) in March, and until then do contact us directly if there is anything you would like to raise with us or see in the next newsletter, With best wishes



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If you would like to make a contribution to this newsletter or have any questions please contact either Clare or Lucy.