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**British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition**

# **BSPGHAN Strategy**

## **2025-2027**



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The national, professional and academic society which represents specialty colleagues working for infants, children and young people with digestive, nutritional and liver disorders.

**BSPGHAN** supports clinical research, training and education for all our members with the aim of promoting optimal care for our children and their families.



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## Introduction

The British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition is committed to promoting excellent and compassionate care for children in all areas of our speciality. This strategy document is to a large extent, thanks to my predecessor Dr Keith Lindley, former President of BSPGHAN.

BSPGHAN is a Nationwide Society with strong international links to our sister organisations in Europe and North America. Our membership of 450 specialist paediatric doctors, nurses, dieticians, pharmacists and other healthcare providers, is significantly greater through our international links. Caring for our patients is at the heart of what we aim to do through the core pillars of Member support, education and research, quality standards with attention to sustainability.

Central to our success is a dedicated highly skilled multi-disciplinary workforce. We will continue to champion high quality training for our future hepatologists, nutrition experts and gastroenterologists. In the 21st Century we recognise the strength in depth that comes from a multi-disciplinary team with specialist nurses, dieticians, pharmacists and psychologists. Our membership has continued to welcome and foster development of our allied health professionals.

By fostering a culture of continuous learning and inquiry, we aim to stimulate and support high-quality research, in all its forms, from clinical audits to laboratory sciences. We remain committed to individuals pursuing high quality research. Knowledge gained will inform the development and implementation of evidence-based quality standards. We hope to ensure equity of care to all children irrespective of where they are in the country, through these quality standards. This strategy is a testament to our aspirations, to improving the lives of children and young people with gastrointestinal, liver, and nutritional conditions. I am grateful to the dedicated work of my colleagues, who have laboured long and hard to enable us to articulate this vision.



**Dr David I Campbell**  
**President of BSPGHAN**





## BSPGHAN Strategy

The British Society of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (BSPGHAN) is the national society representing and supporting healthcare professionals and academics involved in the care of children and young people with gastrointestinal disorders. The membership comprises Consultant and trainee physicians, clinical and non-clinical academics and allied health professionals including nurses and nurse specialists, dietitians, pharmacists and others.

Council envisages four strategic priorities for 2025-2027:

### 1. Supporting members

- a) BSPGHAN is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. Senior members are committed to supporting others through advocacy and / or mentoring as required. Initiatives to support the membership include periodic online forums/meetings to discuss complex cases to help responsible clinicians with clinical decision making. Examples include the regular intestinal failure forum and also the challenging cases meeting.
- b) The Society embraces a sense of belonging to BSPGHAN and of collaborative working within the Society to improve the care of our patients. Special Interest Working Groups will continue to develop National Guidance

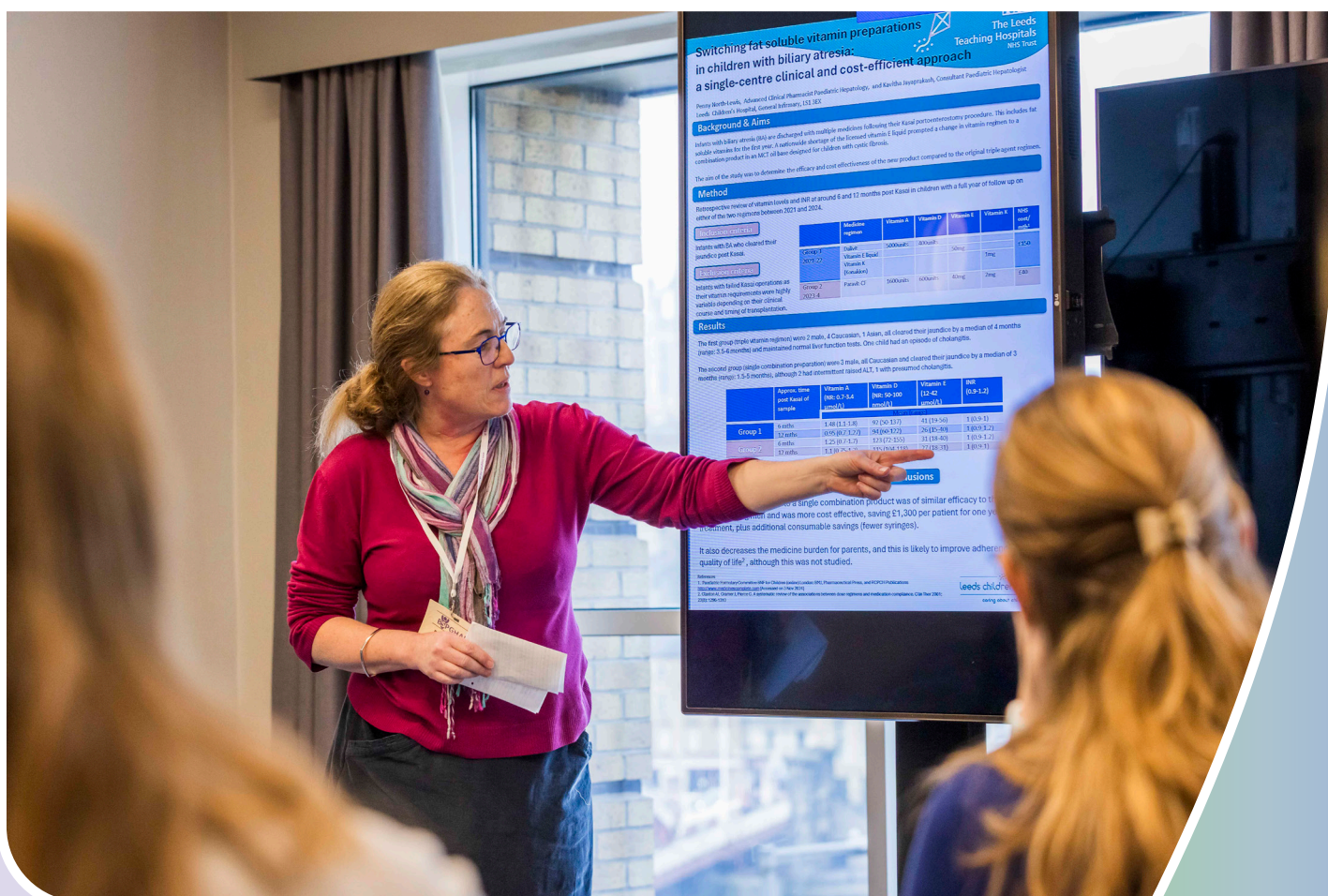
in areas of importance.

- c) It is important the Society encourages the recruitment of trainees into gastroenterology posts. A variety of web based initiatives will be instituted to facilitate this process including signposts from the RCPCH website, information on training requirements, QR codes to join BSPGHAN and access to e-learning modules for members.
- d) The Society will strive to ensure its membership is actively participating in BSPGHANs activities, create an environment where members feel connected and ensure effective 2 way communication between the Council and the membership.



## 2. Education and Research

- a) In addition to the Annual meeting the Society will continue to support and develop online and other educational events encompassing clinical medicine and research methodologies.
- b) The Society will continue to offer BSPGHAN research grants within the constraints of the Society's budget
- c) The Chairs of the WGs and others will continue to modernise and update the clinical guidelines area of the Society's website. A subgroup of the Research and Education committees will continue its initiative to formally evaluate evidence based guidance







### 3. Raising Standards

- a) The Society is committed to its initiative to define and collect important data-sets to inform Quality Standards (QS) and Key Performance Indicators (KPI). These data will be used to perform National Benchmarking and facilitate equity of access to Paediatric GI services nationally.
- b) The Society will continue to work with the RCP/JAG to finalise the paediatric global rating scale (pGRS) and advocate for its use in all paediatric endoscopy units to enable benchmarking.
- c) Facilitate and advocate for National collaborative QI projects driven by the various WGs.
- d) A re-audit of the QS recommendation published in 2022 will be undertaken..



## 4. Sustainability

- a) The Society will continue its efforts to minimise its carbon footprint through encouragement of hybrid models of working / meeting and increasing reliance of digital solutions.
- b) The Society (through the Endoscopy Working Group) will continue to examine the burden of endoscopy on the environment through national audit and subsequent guidance.
- c) The Society will continue its quest to ensure financial sustainability of the Society.







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