

I hope many of you have been able to get a break, enjoy the good weather and refresh for the next months.

I have been a bit indisposed over the last month or so, but ready to step back into work again, just as my Trust changes the patient management system, so a lot of pressures there.

There has been a lot of behind the scenes work going on as usual. I can't believe how much our committees and Board Directors do alongside their busy working lives, but they do put a lot into working for you.

I've just written my last president word for the magazine, as my term of office ends at the AGM in October. I will hand over to the very dedicated Samantha Lear. I am sure she will enjoy the role as I have (well, it took a few months before I felt less like a rabbit in the headlights, trying to understand all the partners and projects at that time). I think I am just about getting in the swing of things now.

We have some regional meetings coming up, and I hope you can attend them, plus some webinars on access to work, which will be extremely useful to all of us.

Our next board meeting is the 19th September, and we will be looking to bring some of the strategy work we have been doing together, ready to report before or at conference. Please do raise anything with us if you wish it to be discussed at Board.

Thank you to all the nominators for the BAA awards this year. Yet again we have some amazing

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