

SOCIETY FOR ACADEMIC PRIMARY CARE

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

This will be my final report as Treasurer. After 10 years I am pleased (but just a little sad) to be handing over the purse strings, to whom has yet to be decided! I am therefore especially pleased to report that despite a return to more usual practice post Covid, the financial position of SAPC remains healthy, and has indeed improved.

As those of you who have read these reports before are aware, our income relies on membership subscriptions and conference income. In 2020 we unfortunately had to cancel our ASM at short notice, and our 2021 ASM was held virtually. We obviously had concerns that this might affect both our membership and our potential conference income, indeed we were worried that due to the expense of producing a professional online conference we might face a net loss of income. It is with great pleasure, and not a little relief, to be able to let you know that not only did we achieve some conference income (credit due to Sue Richards, Richard Neal and the Leeds Team), but we have also increased our membership (credit due to the membership drive led by our Chair, Carolyn Chew-Graham and supported by the Chairs of HoTs and HoDs, Joe Rosenthal and Joanne Reeves).

In addition, as you will see from the expenditure, we have restarted most of our usual Society activities. The mentorship scheme is up and running, we have reinstated our Awards and Prizes, the SIGs are being revitalised under the care of Rachel Spencer and we have continued with our Regional SAPC meetings. We continue to be extremely heartened by registrations to both regional meetings and this our national conference, demonstrating that we are indeed alive and kicking and in a very healthy state to continue our activities.

We have taken away some important lessons from the recent past, we (the executive committee) plan to continue to meet mostly online, saving costs of room bookings and travel, with the added benefit of being more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Also, we have taken some steps to protect the Society from future financial emergencies. The unprecedented events of recent times led us to reconsider the Society's position and once more look to review its possible charitable status. With the help of some legal advice, we have applied to the Charity Commission to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We hope that we are successful, and this status will mean that we all as members of SAPC will have protection from any financial liability in the event of further unplanned emergencies. If we are not successful we will register SAPC as a limited company (not-for-profit) which will offer the same protection. I will be delighted if we can make this successful transition as my last act as Treasurer.

In my last report I would like to express my huge thanks to Sue, I have been, and continue to be, greatly indebted to Sue Stewart for her invaluable support and day to day management of the society's finances. Thank you, Sue, and thank you SAPC membership for all your support during my tenure.



Joanne Protheroe
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