



Secretary's Annual Report AGM 30th June 2009

This is my 4th year as PPDNF secretary during which time I have had great pleasure to be involved in the development of the network. The membership is thriving, the interprofessional nature is developing and the support and interest via email demonstrates how valuable members find this. This report summaries the secretary work during 2008/2009

Membership

Membership numbers at April 2009 are: 255 members
41 new members have joined the forum since April 2008.
4 of these new members are AHP's the others are nurses
3 members reside out with Scotland (Doncaster & Taiwan)
4 who expressed interest in joining the membership live in London, Swindon, Germany and Dubai); they chose to join mailing list instead.
3 members on maternity leave have asked to stay as members

Members join exclusively through the website and have heard about the forum via

- 20 from a forum member
- 15 internet search
- 6 other; this includes conference and professional networks

20 members have left the forum; the reasons for this are:

- No longer contactable
- No longer in practice development posts or working in the NHS

Database

19 members have updated their information on the database
20 members have been removed from the database as they have left the forum
The updated database is sent out to members every quarter with minutes of PPDNF meeting

Attendance at 4 forums

28 members (11%) attended meetings 2008- 2009. This is only 1% less than last year.
1 attended 4 times; 4 attended 3 times; 9 attended twice; 15 attended once

AGM May 08 = 15; Sep 08 = 13 plus TS (FONS); Nov 08 = 14; Feb 09 = 8
Average attendance = 12.5; there are between 8 and 15 members at each meeting

Some members are active virtually or support working groups. There is increasing interest in using videoconferencing for meetings; Doncaster & Aberdeen

Action Learning Sets

Evaluation was in December 2008. 23 members participate in 4 action learning sets, 2 Skype and 2 face to face. Dates are set for the year. Next evaluation is 15th December 2009 at Easterhouse Medical Centre. New members are always welcome

Future considerations Videoconferencing facility for meetings

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