

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH
23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Robens Suite, Guy's Hospital, 19 September 2025 at 1740

Present;

Committee:

Dr. Tony Hulse President
Mr. Nick Baldwin Hon. Secretary
Dr. Jonathan Dossetor Hon. Treasurer
Mrs Penny Dossetor Administrative Secretary
Dr. Mary Clare Martin
Dr. Colin Michie
Dr. Robert Scott-Jupp

Members & Others;

Professor Sir Cyril Chantler
Dr. Andrew Coe
Professor Mike Dillon
Dr. Tony Edelsten
Professor Stephen Greene
Dr. Gill Gregory
Dr. Dr.Sabiha Haque-Lobbes
Terri Scott-Jupp
Dr. Philip Mortimer
Dr. Colin Stern
Dr. Vincent Tse

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting;

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge on 6 September 2024 were approved.

2. President's Report:

Tony Hulse reported that the 2025 Spring Meeting at the RCPCH's Glasgow conference had been successful, with good attendance, impressive speakers and a more generous time allocation than in recent years. The Society had gained some new members during the year, but there had also been a few drop-outs, and there was an ongoing need to cultivate younger members via the College and other means

3. Committee Membership:

Colin Michie would take over as President from Tony Hulse following this meeting, with Jonathan and Penny Dossetor and Nick Baldwin continuing in their current roles.

4. Hon. Secretary's Report:

Nick Baldwin reported the death of Dr. Andrea Tanner, a former member of the Society who had given a number of presentations and the 2009 George Armstrong Lecture and made a wider contribution to Paediatric history with her researches and publications and the creation of the HHARP historical patient database at Great Ormond Street.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report;

Jonathan Dossetor reported new membership during the year, and a relatively healthy overall financial state. 2024-5 income had been £5,884, with expenditure £6,959, with the reserve account currently at £7,245. The Guy's meeting had not yet been paid for. The need for subsidy of the Autumn Meetings was ongoing. The Society's annual subscription had been retained at £20.

6. 2026 Spring Meeting and Centenary of 'Archives of Disease in Childhood':

Robert Scott-Jupp noted pending significant anniversaries, with the ADC Centenary, 30th anniversary of the founding of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and the British Paediatric Association's Centenary in 2028. He had commissioned a series of historical articles for 'Archives', with 30 contributions having been received. Versions of some of the contributions would have potential as Plenary session presentations at the RCPCH's 2026 Conference (Birmingham, 11-13 May), or as part of the BSHPCH session at Birmingham.

The Society had been encouraged by the RCPCH to share its Conference session, but there was no obvious partner for this and Tony Hulse and Robert would ask the College to retain a dedicated session for the BSHPCH in the programme due to the significant Anniversary content, although the Society might be granted a shorter time slot than in 2025.

Potential speakers for Birmingham were Professor Martin Samuels on the career of David Southall and 2025 Cadogan Prize runner-up Hameed Humzah. Three other abstracts of quality had been submitted via the college system.

7.2026 Autumn Meeting;

Colin Michie was investigating several options for an Oxford venue in early September, although this was proving difficult and costs were likely to be high.

8.Any Other Business;

Mary Clare Martin drew members' attention to a conference on children's history to be held in Sheffield in Summer 2026, and to the University of Greenwich's network on children's history.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1805.

Nick Baldwin, Hon. Secretary

26 September 2025