



*Profile in support of nomination for IPS Vice President
Mr Philip Pugh*

Background

I qualified as a nurse in 1985 and have been employed within infection prevention and control for 14 years, working within the acute sector of the NHS as well as community, specialist and social care Trusts across the UK. I have held senior roles within infection prevention and control being appointed as Director of Infection Prevention and Control and Nurse Consultant. I am currently employed by the Health Protection Agency as Strategic Training & Development Lead for incident and outbreaks within the Healthcare Associated Infection and Antimicrobial Resistance national programme. I have also worked for the World Health Organisation as an external consultant in the Western Pacific Region to provide expertise to the Cambodia Government to implement an infection prevention & control infrastructure and long term strategy for improving healthcare and patient safety. My experience and offices held for the society are as follows:

Offices Held within the Infection Prevention Society and Infection Control Nurses Association

1996 - Present	Full membership
1996 – 1998	National Executive Committee Representative – N.E. Branch
1997 – 2003	Co-ordinator and Founder Member of I.T. Committee/website
2000 – 2001	Deputy Treasurer
2001 – 2003	Honorary Treasurer/ Director of ICNA Conferences Ltd
2003 – 2006	Honorary Treasurer/ Director of ICNA Conferences Ltd
2006 – 2008	Deputy Secretary
2008 – 2010	Honorary Secretary

Whilst carrying out these roles I have always attended and supported national and branch meetings both within the Society and those that require representation, all of which necessitate a considerable amount of personal time; time which I am always willing to offer to support the development of the Society. These roles allow me to take a fully involved position in professional forums and discussion, keep up to date with current and proposed legislation and the wider political and healthcare agenda allowing time for networking and communication with other professionals in the UK and internationally. I am a strong believer in saying '*you only get out, what you are willing to put in*' and whilst I have invested a great deal of time and effort into the Society, in return I feel that I have gained and learnt so much in professionalism, standards, education and networking. I have also gained so many good friends and colleagues not to mention the stresses and frustrations of working full time and trying to fit in a life somewhere.

Vision for the role

This role along with others allows the opportunity to build on and take forward the development opportunities that lead to *informing* the professional membership, informing governments and



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informing the public with regard to infection prevention, patient safety and the Society. I passionately believe that the IPS can only continue to move forward, expand and remain a successful leader amongst those organisations representing infection prevention and patient safety and be recognised as the principal source of expert advice, experience and knowledge. The significance of infection prevention and control has never had such a high profile amongst the public, respective governments, assemblies, and health care providers, and as a result the demands made on the Society through all its officers, have increased and will continue to intensify as the IPS aspires to its purpose. Recent membership questionnaires have informed the Society of those areas it can move forward within and develop to improve benefits for the branches and the society membership as a whole.

It is through this route that the society can **promote** its objectives and forward planning. The primary function of the Vice President role is to support the President and other officers in meeting the objectives of the society. I strongly believe that the expectations and demands of such roles have increased and will continue to do so. As the society moves forward with its implementation of education, research and development and its business agenda the opportunities allowing us to make a difference will be further enhanced. It is through these opportunities in working with our corporate colleagues, international and fellow organisations, governments and assemblies and membership throughout the five countries of which the Society is made up of that we can promote the most informed evidence based infection prevention and control initiatives for patient and public safety.

I believe the role provides an opportunity to **sustain** continued development both for the society and the individual, and would welcome the prospect to take the role forward, building upon current and future developments. I believe there is great potential for the development of all the IPS roles in recognising the amount of time and input they require at both a national and branch level. I believe there is vast potential for further development of communication processes both locally and nationally, providing and encouraging consistency and, credibility. We can sustain this development by adopting a team approach and provision of a learning environment with support for all branch roles, ensuring that branch roles are not perceived as being isolated without guidance but work as one unit, towards local and national opportunities encouraging opportunities for future development of national roles locally within branches and on an individual basis for personal and professional development.

As an experienced member of the society, in addition to currently working across the boundaries of primary and secondary care, I have also worked at a national and local level for the benefit of the society. I understand the issues affecting IPS members in many environments and I believe my varied and valued experience, places me in an ideal situation to complement the roles of the other Officers. I can bring to the role excellent interpersonal, organisational and communication skills and am effective and efficient in dispensing energy and diversity into such a role to achieve the strategic and operational aspiration of the Infection Prevention Society its current thinking and objectives.