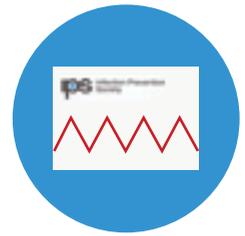




# IPS Annual Report 2018-19

## Summary

# 2018/19 Highlights



## President's Introduction



PAT CATTINI  
IPS President

It is my pleasure to introduce this 2019 annual report of the Infection Prevention Society on behalf of the Board of Trustees. The report summarises the activity of the Society, as carried out by our Branches, Business Groups, Special Interest Groups and individual members as we strive to realise our vision, that 'no person be harmed by a preventable infection'.

This has been another challenging year in the world of infection prevention and in our national health service with continuing demand on services and the uncertainties caused by Brexit. On the bright side we have seen the unveiling of the new 5 year plan and 20 year vision for containing and controlling antimicrobial resistance. The plan provides leadership on reducing infection and preserving antibiotics to protect them for future generations. The IPS welcomed this new strategy which recognises the importance of infection prevention; and in media interviews we pressed the point that an infection prevented is one that does not need antibiotics.

At the forefront of the IPS are our members. We have continued to grow our membership and now have over 2000 members across the world. As well as categories for our individual members we have developed our institutional membership category and have been building our overseas membership through the International Engagement Group.

I believe it is apparent in this report that we are endeavouring to provide sound benefits of membership so that the IPS remains a visible contributor to our members working lives. Membership of a professional society of peers and colleagues helps to foster networking and creativity; and the resources we provide to our members, help us all to deal with the pressures in our working lives, and develop us as practitioners and experts in our field. This year has seen an update to the competency framework; ongoing work to look at introducing a system of credentialing for practitioners, increase in general resources such as fact sheets and posters; improving use of the members forum; and a new look to our digest which is the place to go for the latest reports and information, as well as a great way to share news from our community.

We have been developing our relationships with our corporate partners to ensure that we nurture and give value back to the companies who support us and enable many of our projects. We must pay special thanks to Paul Cryer who has been instrumental in setting up the corporate networking days and product evaluation surgeries that have been very popular. He has also set up our new 'Industry Insights' website which further strengthens the important relationships with our corporate partners; and we have now established dedicated pages for corporate colleagues on the website. The Infection Prevention Show, an event dedicated to the corporate side of conference was a great hit at IP2018 in Glasgow and is due to be repeated at IP2019. This year we continued the 'One Together' partnership with other professional societies, sponsored by 3M. We have also developed a new partnership with BD with the title DRIPPS which focusses on device related infection prevention, which is so important in our efforts to reduce E.coli and other gram negative infection as well as improving patient experience and safety.

For the IPS we have had a challenging year financially and we have had to re-evaluate some of the work we planned including the contract with Forster, with which we were building our media influence. However with the sterling work of our Honorary Treasurer Claire Chadwick we have improved the societies financial position considerably such that we be able to continue to invest in resources for our members, maintain standing as the leading society for IPC in the UK and continue to influence the wider infection prevention agenda.



# IPS Board

## IPS Officers 2018 (April–Sept)



### Officers

President	<a href="#">Neil Wigglesworth</a>
Vice President	<a href="#">Pat Cattini</a>
Secretary	<a href="#">Carole Hallam</a>
Deputy Secretary	<a href="#">Valya Weston</a>
Treasurer	<a href="#">Philip Pugh</a>
Deputy Treasurer	<a href="#">Claire Chadwick</a>
Ordinary Member	<a href="#">Craig Bradley</a>
Ordinary Member	<a href="#">Jacqui Prieto</a>

### Other Board members

Research & Development Committee	<a href="#">Lisa Ritchie</a>
Education & Professional Development Committee	<a href="#">Andrea Denton</a>
Scientific Planning Committee	<a href="#">Karen Wares</a>
Editorial Management Group / Journal Editor	<a href="#">Jennie Wilson</a>
International Engagement Committee	<a href="#">Debbie Xuereb</a>
Corporate Affairs Group	<a href="#">Paul Cryer</a>

### Co-opted Board members

England: <a href="#">Janet De'Witt</a>	Ireland: <a href="#">Toney Poovelikunnel</a>	Northern Ireland: <a href="#">Colin Clarke</a>
Scotland: <a href="#">Elaine Ross</a>	Wales: <a href="#">Tracey Gauci</a>	

## IPS Officers 2018/19 (Oct–Mar)



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Editorial Management Group / Journal Editor	<a href="#">Heather Loveday</a>
International Engagement Committee	<a href="#">Debbie Xuereb</a> (Oct–Dec 2018) <a href="#">Hannah Bysouth</a> (Jan–Mar 2019)
Corporate Affairs Group	<a href="#">Paul Cryer</a>

### Country Lead Board members

England: Role jointly shared by [Carole Fry](#) and [Carole Hallam](#)  
Ireland: [Toney Poovelikunnel](#) Northern Ireland: [Clare Robertson](#)  
Scotland: [Diane Stark](#) Wales: [Tracey Gauci](#)

# Membership and Financial Health



Financial management is one of the many critical functions of an effective Society to ensure the Society operates a robust governance structure in meeting its obligations.

IPS activity has continued across a range of endeavours and continues to grow in an ever challenging healthcare arena however these activities do not come without cost. Whilst Society activity has continued to develop and make successful progress, Society income generation has reported a general decline over the past seven years.

The Society will report an expected net (loss)/income of £142k for the 12 month reporting period of 2018/19. Although the loss was not unexpected, the Board of Trustees recognises that the Society cannot continue to make a loss year on year.

The Board of Trustees recognises the risk and is fully aware that the Society needs to closely examine its income and expenditure. The Society reported a second year of budget deficit last year, and this continues to be the Board of Trustees top priority.

A two year financial strategy was developed and accepted by the Board of Trustees to provide a financial framework for the achievement of the Society's core strategic objectives. Two key strategies are identified expressed through three core financial principles and twelve priorities, with the primary objective for 2019/20 to achieve a balanced budget.

A review of the Board of Trustees organization and reporting processes is in progress to streamline governance systems and reduce costs. The Board of Trustees agreed to constitute an Audit and Finance Group to scrutinise the financial position, ensure the forecast for 2019/20 meets the financial risks and report to the Board of Trustees to consider actions to be implemented and think creatively about how a deficiency reduction programme would be introduced and managed.

Despite this reported loss due to a continued decline in income, the Society remains in good financial health with reserves of £488k in unrestricted funds and remains active promoting the objects of the Society.

Total membership at 31st March 2019 increased to 1999 members demonstrating a small but successful 1.6% increase (33 members) against the previous financial year.

There was a steady decline in corporate membership during the financial period decreasing from 42 to 33. However, in part thanks to Paul Cryer and the work he has done with our corporate colleagues, we have seen numbers continue to rise again since the start of the new financial year.



# Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC)

The EPDC focuses on developing and supporting the education and professional development of members and the advancement of infection prevention knowledge in the wider healthcare and education sectors. This is achieved by the development of resources and collaborative working and competency-based education activities:

- Continued collaborative working with Branch Education officers (EO's), see below. Meetings well attended;
- IPS competences in process of revision. Current available as an online development for members. Article for JIP in Feb 2019;
- Roadshows across 5 countries completed highlighting both competences and guidance at a glance;
- Developed education grant award – 1 successful applicant this year;
- Developing educational grant award for corporate members to sponsor in future years (currently IPS funded);
- Supporting commercial members through the review and endorsement of educational material; one undertaken this year. Joint initiative with CAG;
- Reviewing the QIT tools;
- Supporting conference;
- Members of EPDC team represented involved in JIP editorial Board, R&D committee and Credentialing;
- Money saving initiatives as well as income generating (via endorsement) including looking at alternative venues for the EPDC meetings that avoid overnight stay and free venues;
- New members recruited to EPDC.

## Branch Education Officers (EOs)

The branch education officers (EO) are a working group who collaborate with the Education and Professional Development Committee (EPDC), in their commitment to providing an excellent quality of education and professional development opportunities to infection prevention and control practitioners within the Infection Prevention Society (IPS). During the past 12 months the EOs have had well attended meetings with at least 8 out of a possible 13 attending (vacancy in London South Branch).

Achievements:

- Coordination of with EPDC members for the local delivery of roadshows highlighting both competences and guidance at a glance;
- Meeting papers and action plan stored on EPDC page on website;
- Education session for EOs by Clinical Editor for the Nursing Times;
- WhatsApp group for EOs and EPDC link person;
- Annual review of TOR in line with role SOP.

Future work:

- Collaboration with EPDC to produce a joint welcome pack for new starts to the EPDC;
- Contributing to marketing ideas of IP2019
- Visibility at IP2019 at IPS stand and shadowing conference chairs;
- Sharing of local conference planning.

## Journal of Infection Prevention: Editorial Management Board



The EMG focuses on publishing a high-quality peer reviewed publication that advances professional knowledge and skill in the art and science of infection prevention and control practice. The EMG is responsible for supporting the publication of high quality original papers and increasing the profile of the journal.

The Journal of Infection Prevention continues to make steady progress. In 2018 the Journal received 142 manuscript submissions for peer review, a 32.7% increase from 2017. The acceptance rate was 32% with a 64-day average time to first decision. This is within the benchmark for Journals indexed in PubMed Central. Circulation is steady at 8,741 total institution with online usage resulting in 48,414 full-text downloads in 2018. In 2018, invoiced advertising revenue was below that projected and this continues to be a challenge to the Society's objective of the Journal becoming cost neutral.

In November 2018 Professor Jennie Wilson stepped down from the role as Editor in Chief and was replaced by Professor Heather Loveday, Dr Jacqui Prieto became the Deputy Editor. The Editorial Management Group recruited two new associate editors to replace those stepping down.

## Research and Development Group



The R&D Committee focuses on building research capability and capacity among the IPS membership through education, initiating collaborative research projects and awarding annual research grants\*. In addition they work with other external groups to further the evidence base for infection prevention and control.

### R&D Network:

Two research projects are well underway with a number of IPS members involved in each:

#### 1. Defining an Optimum Infection Prevention Service (DOIPS)

This study comprises of four phases:

- Phase 1: Survey questionnaire to IPC leads (UK and Ireland)
- Phase 2: Policy document analysis (UK and Ireland)
- Phase 3: focus groups with IPC practitioners (three virtual discussion huddles)
- Phase 4: Delphi survey

Phases 1, 2 and 3 are complete. The qualitative data collection of Phase 4 is expected to be complete by end May 2019; analysis of this data will follow.

The outputs from this study will be presented at IPS2019 in Liverpool and publications from this research are also planned.

## 2. Community Urinary Catheter Management Study (CCAMA)

The aim of this study was to investigate the prevalence of indwelling urinary catheters managed in the community by the District Nursing service, and for patients recently discharged from hospital with a newly placed urinary catheter, evidence of documentation of the reason for the catheter and a management plan for its removal.

The study is now complete and the paper has been submitted for publication in JIP.

Further information about these studies can be found on the R&D webpage of the IPS website.

### Research Grants:

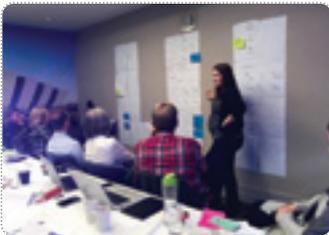
We were delighted to be able to fund the following research grants in 2016 and 2017:

- A novice investigator grant was awarded to Ms Lucyna Gozdzielewska, Glasgow Caledonian University, whose project was on the subject of 'Deconstructing the effectiveness of the World Health Organization's 6-step technique for healthcare staff using alcohol-based handrubs'. Lucyna is presenting the results of her research at IPS2019.
- A collaborative small projects grant was awarded to Mrs Sharon Daniel of Carmarthen, who is looking at 'Infection Prevention Control and Organisational Patient Safety Culture within the Context of Isolation'.
- A collaborative small projects grant was awarded to Ms Yvonne Carter, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, investigating the 'Evaluation of an educational campaign to increase awareness, understanding and acceptability of rectal screening for CPE (carbapenemase-producing enterobacteriaceae) in an intensive care unit setting.'

Outputs from these, and previously funded, IPS research studies are available on the Research and Development Committee webpage.

\*No research grant funding will be available during 2019 and 2020.

## Scientific Programme Committee



The SPC is charged with creating the society's annual conference programme. One of the principal outputs of the charity, the annual conference is an event looked forward to by hundreds of infection prevention practitioners each year.

The committee meets four times over the planning cycle beginning in November just after the previous conference. At this meeting the group review feedback from the previous event, debrief on their own experiences and broadly plan the programme. This is always an active meeting bustling

with ideas for speakers, topics, streams and new ideas to keep the conference fresh.

Glasgow was the venue for Infection Prevention 2018 with the Scottish Event Campus playing host. Aware of the need to work more closely with our commercial partners the SPC created a world first; The Infection Prevention Show 2018. The Show focused on showcasing the best that industry has to offer to support infection prevention programmes across health and social care, the event was free to attend and was a great success, receiving positive feedback with 93% rating it excellent or good.

The scientific programme at Infection Prevention 2018 was world-class and boasted some of the biggest names in the field. We were pleased to welcome Prof Wing Hong Seto from Hong Kong, Prof Nick Graves from Australia and Prof Andreas Voss from the Netherlands. The prestigious E.M. Cottrell lecture was delivered by Prof Jennie Wilson of the University of West London and the Ayliffe speaker was Professor Shaheen Mehtar of South Africa.

IP2018 also hosted one day events alongside the main event including Infection Prevention in Care Homes and Infection Prevention and Antimicrobial Resistance.



We saw 514 delegates in Glasgow, a third attending for the very first time. We had more than 120 abstracts submitted and the programme was 87% rating the event as excellent or good. Part of the feedback we ask for is what delegates would like to see at future events. We create a word cloud (below) and use this as a basis for planning the next scientific programme.

Infection Prevention 2019 is 22nd to 24th September 2019 in Liverpool, UK.

Experiences from Topics Talks for Staff Series Care Think  
 Management Projects Practice Water Hygiene  
 Sessions Hospital IPC Workshops Infection Knowledge  
 IPS Enjoyed FOCUS on Human Factors Health  
Emerging Decontamination

## International Engagement Committee

The IEC focuses on engaging with international colleagues and sustaining links with IPS members working outside of the UK. Over the last 12 months, the IEC has been instrumental in the first IPS-International society affiliation. The Romanian society Association for the Prevention and Control of Infection (APCI) and IPS were formally affiliated earlier this year. Affiliation links societies with each other to recognise the work of other societies who share a common purpose with IPS.

Other key activities of the IEC include:

- Promote IPS membership to infection prevention and control practitioners outside of the UK and continuing to promote the Special Access Membership for colleagues working in resource limited settings;
- Engage with international IPS members, this spring the international member Facebook group was launched. Two international delegate places for this year's conference were funded;
- Work in collaboration with the other standing committees to provide resources and activities for international members in the UK and abroad.

# Corporate Affairs Group

The Corporate Affairs Group (CAG) was launched in September 2016 with the intent of providing a robust and effective foundation upon which to conduct relations with IPS corporate members and also to promote membership of the Society to new commercial members.

The IPS Board has consistently acknowledged the outstanding contribution made by corporate members to the well-being of the Society given their support at national and branch levels and are keen to sustain and enrich this relationship.

The CAG has provided corporate members with;

- Opportunities at Networking Days to hear from and interact with extremely well-regarded IPC-related speakers – a rare opportunity to get so close to world famous names;
- Product Surgeries at which IPS member-Experts working in teams of three provide commercial organisations with feedback and guidance concerning issues such as market positioning, efficacy and product development concerning HCAI-related products and technologies;
- Access to the covered product and technology IPS Endorsement Logo at the new IPS Industry Insights website – <https://industryinsights.ips.uk.net/>

Many hundreds of places have been taken up by commercial organisations at the Networking Days and most to the very popular Product Surgeries have been booked to capacity. Commercial organisations have also taken advantage of paid-for Product Surgeries with IPS member-Experts.

CAG have maintained its interest in the changing NHS procurement landscape to facilitate the Society and its corporate members to better engage with the important and fundamental changes taking currently place. The Society has been able to attract speakers and experts associated with this programme from the very top of Government and private industry.

The IPS Board has confirmed that CAG activity will continue to be a central part of its strategic intent and further to the advantages outlined above we will be launching a new component to the Industry Insights programme with an IPS Education and Training Endorsement Logo in May 2019.

# One Together Project

OneTogether is a partnership of professional organisations supported by 3M who are committed to promoting and supporting the adoption of best practice to prevent surgical site infection (SSI). IPS is a leading member of this partnership and all the resources we develop can be freely downloaded from the OneTogether website [www.onetogether.org.uk](http://www.onetogether.org.uk)

Activity from 2018/19 includes:

- New resources published on quality improvement in the surgical environment;
- Surgical skin preparation decision guide developed;
- Expert conference held in Birmingham with more than 300 delegates and the presentation of three OneTogether Impact Awards.

# Vessel Health Preservation Project

The Vessel Health and Preservation Project is led by the IPS in collaboration with the National Infusion and Vascular Access Society and the Royal College of Nursing supported with an educational grant from Teleflex to provide an evidence-based framework for vascular access.

Activity from 2018/19 includes:

- Provision of VHP posters and pocket guides;
- Review of the evidence underpinning the VHP Framework to inform the update of the poster and pocket guides;
- Invited to present the VHP Framework at the Association of Vascular Access Annual Scientific Conference in Ohio, September 2018.

## Annual IPS Awards 2018

The annual awards programme recognises the achievements of IPS members at an individual, team and branch level.

**The shortlisted candidates for Team of the Year (sponsored by Daniels Healthcare Ltd) were:**

- The Infection Prevention & Control Team Burton Campus, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton
- Infection Prevention Team, Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust
- The Infection Prevention Team, University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust



**The winning team was the Infection Prevention Team, Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.**

They are a cohesive team with a long history of collaborative working across the whole health economy. They have a core objective of working with teams to achieve excellent patient outcomes. They successfully develop infection prevention professionals for the future using the IPS competency tool to underpin their learning. They work collaboratively from a hospital base with other agencies from GPs and dentists, to care homes and their local health protection units. They have successfully provided support and leadership for sheltered housing and care home facilities, and their innovative projects have shown demonstrable success across the board. MRSA bacteraemia in care homes has dropped to one identified case since 2009, they have revolutionised Norovirus outbreak management in the local care home community and have successfully worked alongside the Community Rapid Intervention Team to greatly enhance the provision for flu prophylaxis. The whole team are enthusiastic and motivated and are a great example of effective team working.

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**The shortlisted candidates for Branch or SIG of the Year were:**

- Mental Health and Learning Disabilities SIG
- North East Branch
- Northern Ireland Branch



**The winning branch or SIG was the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities SIG.**

The group have introduced activities that have contributed to strengthening the SIG function in progressing initiatives adding to patient safety for those with mental health problems or learning difficulties, enhancing patient experience and ensuring opportunities for the personal and professional development of its members. Meetings are now held across the country for all members to be able to attend and all meetings have corporate member support. Members are also encouraged to present and share their own

work, expertise and experiences. Peer supervision groups have been created to encourage cross organisational sharing of good practice. The group have also produced a 'Bare Below the Elbows' document to guide the CQC and NHS when working with Mental Health Environments as well as developing other bespoke guidance for mental health settings.

**The shortlisted candidates for Practitioner of the Year were:**

- Ruth Finn, Royal Victoria Hospital
- Katie Grayson, Sheffield Health & Social Care NHS Foundation Trust



**The winning practitioner was Ruth Finn.**

Ruth is the Lead IPC Nurse for the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and is currently Deputy Education Officer within the IPS Northern Ireland Branch. For the last three years, Ruth has taken a key role in the organisation of the annual IPS Northern Ireland Branch conference. Taking over a team in transition, she continued the current service, making significant improvements and took on even more challenges. She restructured the team, standardised auditing and escalation, and successfully launched the first IPC link course for the Belfast Trust. Through her dedication to IPC, Ruth inspires her team and always places the patient at the centre of her decision making.

**The shortlisted candidates for Link Practitioner of the Year were:**

- Grace Daquiao, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust
- Rachel Burton, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust



**The winning link practitioner was Grace Daquiao.**

Grace is an excellent senior staff nurse on the Acute Admission Ward (AAW) at St Thomas' Hospital. She is lead adviser for a team of infection control link practitioners on her ward. She guides, supports, encourages and advises multidisciplinary clinical teams on the AAW to ensure patient and staff safety. Among Grace's numerous initiatives, she has developed a simple but hugely informative induction pack for new members of the team and anyone else that needs support. Grace teaches staff, produces a monthly newsletter, and is actively involved in monitoring, auditing and improving IPC standards in the ward as well as being a Trust peer vaccinator.

## IPS Brendan Moore Award 2018



The Brendan Moore Award is bestowed on an individual who has made a significant contribution to furthering the aims and goals of the organisation. **This year's recipient was Carol Pellowe.** Carol has had a career that spanned practice, education and research both in the UK and abroad. She co-authored the first national evidence-based IPC guidelines for acute care in England and Wales and the NICE guidelines for primary and community care. Carol was instrumental in the planning and delivery of the IPS spoke events across the UK and was IPS EPDC Coordinator 2014-2016. Since her retirement, Carol has supported the IPC agenda and IPS most recently with her visit to Cambodia.

## IPS Ayliffe Lifetime Achievement Award 2018



This award was introduced in 2016 by the IPS Board in honour of the late Professor Graham Ayliffe. **This award is given, only rarely, to exceptional individuals and this year the award went to Tina Bradley.** Tina started her career in the hospital research laboratory in Dudley Road under Professor Ayliffe and John Babb. As well as her work with the Central Sterilising Club, Tina has been a great supporter of the IPS. She was a major part of the Scientific Programme Committee for conference and has been a regular, reliable and popular contributor of presentations during this time.

## Representation and IPS Collaborative Activity

The Society is represented on a range of national working groups and collaborate with other infection related organisations nationally and internationally.

Of particular note in 2018/19 were the following:

- Board members represented the Society as invited guests at the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Conference 2018 in America; the Infection Prevention and Control Canada 2018 Conference in Canada; the Australian College for Infection Prevention and Control 2018 Conference in Australia;
- IPS had representation at the CNO England, Liverpool (exhibition stand); Tissue Viability Society Conference 2018, Newcastle (invited speaker); The International Federation of Infection Control Conference 2018, Krakow, Poland (hosted a session and sponsored a delegate); European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Congress 2018, Madrid, Spain (submitted poster as an Affiliated Society of ESCMID) Healthcare Infection Society Conference 2018 (exhibition stand and hosted a session); Federation of Infection Societies Conference 2018, Birmingham (exhibition stand and hosted a session).

# Branch and Special Interest Group Activity

**The branches and special interest groups are the heart of the Society and provide opportunities for collaborating, problem solving, networking and professional development for IPS members.**

Activity highlights from the 14 IPS branches and 5 special interest groups include:

- 12+ regional conferences providing professional development for delegates at each event;
- 30+ branch and Special Interest Group meetings providing the opportunity for networking, professional development and joint project working for members;
- Funded conference places: 40 branch funded places for IPS members and 2 international;
- The North London Branch elected in new officers – Lisa Butcher (Coordinator), Dean Somers-Dowell (Education Officer) and Kris Khambhaita (Communications Officer). Thank you to Lisa Ryan and Agatha Katsande who stepped down as Branch Coordinator and Education Officer in December 2018 after a substantial extended term of office;
- The East of England branch ran a very successful study day, with over 100 attending, good support from reps and excellent feedback;
- The Northern Ireland Branch continue to provide an educational component and time for clinical supervision at each branch meeting;
- The IPS Care Home Special Interest Group launched on the 1st February 2019. The Yorkshire Branch played an integral role in the creation of this new SIG;
- The Scottish Branch have introduced teleconference/videoconferencing facilities for their branch meetings offering members who are unable to attend in person the opportunity to still attend;
- The South West Branch continue to produce a branch newsletter, encouraging members to feed into the newsletter to maintain communication between members;
- An education grant was secured by Carole Hallam on behalf of the IPS IV SIG to present VHP work in USA and towards the update of the VHP framework;
- Successful joint London branches conference held;
- The Trent Branch continue to organise and hold a successful annual conference, Darling Bugs of May and have also introduced a welcome email for new members to the branch;
- The IPS Mental Health SIG had two speakers present at the IPS Annual Conference in Manchester;
- Successful event held by the North East branch with 110 delegates, 15 exhibitors and 2 sponsors;
- The IPS Paediatric Special Interest Group held their inaugural meeting on the 28th June 2018 at the BBraun Offices in Sheffield;
- The Ireland branch continue to successfully hold virtual branch meetings.
- The West Midlands Branch successfully ran the Marion Reed Foundation Course 2018. This is a 3-day course and applicants were accepted nationwide.

# Developments for 2019/20

In the business and financial planning for 2018/19 the IPS Board agreed to the following strategic activity:

- Develop and strengthen resources for our members;
- Significant upgrade of the IPS website including the addition of a mobile platform;
- Finalise and launch a Credentialing Framework;
- To continuously improve the annual IPS Conference by evaluating the experience, educational content and value of each conference and incorporating any learning into the planning for subsequent conferences;
- Holding the 2nd Infection Prevention Show during the annual conference in September 2019;
- Continue to strengthen the relationships with corporate members and corporate partners through the work of the IPS Corporate Affairs Group;
- Promote the Competences and Guidance and a Glance to members through the Education and Professional Development Committee;
- To support members in their professional development through offering Education Grants for undertaking higher education programmes leading to a Pg. Certificate, Diploma or Master's degree in Infection Prevention and Control or other IPC related validated courses;
- To provide IPC members with up-to-date and timely IPC research-related information and resources;
- To promote and improve the benefits of membership for international members who join the IPS;
- To continue to make resources available on the IPS website for members who are supporting resource limited countries;

## Vision and Mission

**Our Vision** is that no person is harmed by a preventable infection.

**Our Mission** is that IPS will **inform, promote** and **sustain** expert infection prevention policy and practice in the pursuit of patient or service user and staff safety wherever care is delivered.

## With thanks to.....

**The IPS Board, Standing Committees, Branches Officers, Special Interest Group Leads and Fitwise Management Ltd for providing support to the day to day workings of IPS. And special thanks to all of the 2,000 members for helping IPS make its vision a reality.**

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