BACCN Conference Grant Report

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I was fortunate enough to attend the BACCN annual conference this year in Aberdeen with two fellow students from the University of York through this grant. I attended numerous talks from workforce, to research, to clinical practice. And there was of course the conference dinner and ceilidh which was not one to miss. As a student, conference was a great opportunity for networking with those in careers I'm hoping to join in the next 12 months on qualifying. Being interested in critical care since first stepping onto a critical care unit in my first year, and now being in my final year and hoping to get a job in ICU, it was amazing to meet people who have been on so many different career paths in critical care. I am particularly interested in research so the research talks on topics such as sedation management and other topics surrounding the patient journey following ICU discharge that we don't usually get to see.

My favourite stream of the conference was the research stream, though I also enjoyed the community of practice streams and hearing people's views and engaging in discussions on matters facing critical care. Overall, being inspired by every delegates passion for critical care was refreshing and insightful.

Being able to receive funding to attend an event that I wouldn't have alternatively been able to access has been incredible; and conference really felt like an inclusive and welcoming environment to be a part of. I look forward to Blackpool!