

## **BACCN Conference 2024 Grant Report**

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I was fortunate to receive a grant to attend this conference for which I am extremely grateful. Though I have attended annual BACCN conferences in the past this is the first one in many years that I have attended as a delegate. Thank – you BACCN.

There were many interesting sessions I attended but the key highlights for me were these keynote speakers:

Carli Whittaker who is the current president of the Paediatric Critical Care Society – the first nurse and first female to hold this position - and the Head of Nursing Practice for Children and Young People at the RCN. She gave a thought-provoking keynote presentation about paediatric critical care that made me think about the similarities and differences between adult paediatric critical care and that mutual aid between the two should be considered.

Dr Henrietta Hughes the Patient Safety Commissioner. She told us about her new role promoting patient safety in relation to medicines and medical devices and on promoting the patient voice. I would highly recommend that you look at the website to see all that they do <https://www.patientsafetycommissioner.org.uk/>.

Martha's Law was spoken about and how different hospitals are doing slightly different things but briefly means that all patients / families / carers have access to a critical care outreach team which they can contact via mechanisms advertised around the hospital and more widely if they are worried about the patient's condition.

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