

BACCN Conference Grant Report 2024

Lucy Corn

I was incredibly fortunate to receive a grant to help cover the attendance costs for the BACCN Conference 2024. Attending one of these conferences has been a goal of mine since the beginning of my critical care career, but I never imagined that I would have the privilege of speaking at the event!

Alongside my colleague, Amy Stallard, I was given the opportunity to present the hard work our team of Professional Nurse Advocates (PNAs) has done over the past few years to establish a successful critical care PNA service at our hospital. Through our efforts, we've supported staff with emotional well-being, career development, and the implementation of service improvements.

It was incredibly rewarding to see how our presentation resonated with many attendees. We had meaningful conversations afterward with those eager to explore how they might implement similar initiatives in their own hospitals. This experience was a powerful reminder of the supportive, compassionate, and driven community that exists within the critical care field. The BACCN conference provides a platform for this community to thrive, exchange ideas, and celebrate successes.

It was truly an honour to present, but equally inspiring to hear about the achievements of other nurses. From the critical care outreach team at Chelsea and Westminster to the journal critique workshops at Guys and St Thomas', it was inspiring to witness how, as a collective, we can enhance patient care not only through theory but also through practical application.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all next year!