



Claire Greig

A well-earned retirement for Claire Greig, Nursing Editor

After four years serving as Nursing Editor for *Infant* journal, Claire Greig has decided the time has come to retire from the journal and spend more time with her family. Claire will be sadly missed as she has played a key role in the continuing success of the journal. Her background in neonatal education has enabled her to bring an academic nursing dimension, helping to encourage novice authors and raising the standard of the articles we publish.

Claire has had a long and illustrious career in neonatal nursing. Having trained as a nurse in Edinburgh, she undertook midwifery training in Aberdeen. She then returned to Edinburgh to take the neonatal course at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion. Although she thoroughly enjoyed her staffing experience in this unit she wanted to broaden her horizons and so emigrated to Canada.

While working at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary she attended the University of Calgary, graduating with a bachelor's degree. She then accepted a Head Nurse post in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the biggest neonatal unit in Eastern Canada – which must have been a fantastic experience. Returning to Scotland, she worked as a midwife and was then seconded to the University of Edinburgh gaining a Master's degree in Nursing Education and thus began her career in teaching. Since then, she has been based in Edinburgh and has specialised in neonatal nursing education, developing modules and programmes in conjunction with clinical colleagues across Scotland at the same time gaining a PhD and promotion to Senior Lecturer. In October 2007 she officially retired, but has continued to teach on a part-time basis ever since.

Finding a new Nursing Editor to fill Claire's shoes hasn't been easy but I am delighted to report that Michele Upton has agreed to come on board.

Michele started her training as a registered nurse in 1983, going on to train and practise as a midwife for several years in South Africa, before relocating to the UK where she undertook her neonatal training in 2005.

She developed an interest in clinical risk management and patient safety, a role she took great satisfaction in for four years at Addenbrooke's Hospital alongside her clinical role until 2007 when she became the lead nurse for the NICU. In 2010 she was seconded to the East of England Perinatal Network as Innovation Lead, a role she has enjoyed immensely for over three years.

During her time there, she implemented a number of quality improvement initiatives including a care bundle to reduce necrotising enterocolitis rates, a regional simulation training programme, a standardised approach to the safe use of gentamicin and agreeing a regional approach to four key areas of infection prevention and control. Michele was heavily involved in a number of governance-related work streams and has loved working with nursing and medical colleagues, bringing real improvements into the clinical area. In addition she is Newborn Life Support (NLS) trained and supports several centres nationally in delivering NLS.

Michele has a keen interest in large scale change and plans to continue in a strategic role, extending the impact and opportunity an improvement role brings through sharing her experiences from the east of England.

She is currently completing her MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice through the Open University, focusing on research, innovation and change. Michele is greatly looking forward to learning more, through her Editor's post, about new research and improvements being carried out nationally.

With her wealth of experience in the neonatal field, Michele is ideally suited to taking on the nursing editorship of *Infant* journal and we all look forward to working with her.

Of course the journal doesn't just rely on a Nursing Editor to monitor the articles being sent in and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Anthony Emmerson, the Medical Editor, for all his hard work and support for the journal, which is invaluable and much appreciated. Also thanks must go to the members of the *Infant* editorial board who are instrumental in advising on topics to cover and authors to contact for potential articles. In particular, I would like to welcome new members Nicholas Embleton and Su Monk to the board – we look forward to using their expertise. Finally, credit must be given to our panel of peer reviewers who spend time appraising the articles and giving constructive criticism. All-in-all a team effort – we just couldn't do it without you!

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