

Editorial

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a seismic impact on our lives in a truly short period of time. Sadly, some of you will have been personally affected with the loss of a loved one. For that I send my condolences and hope you have comfort and support from family and friends during this time.

Our day-to-day lives are significantly different to 'normal'. Some of you will have been re-deployed to support adult services. Some will have taken a different or additional role within your organisation. And many, if not all, will be working in vastly different ways to deliver quality care/research/services to children and young people (CYP).

Social distancing measures have resulted in an urgent need to change the way we interact with patients, families and colleagues. Virtual meetings, training sessions and remote consultations have all become commonplace over the last few months. Though such ways of communicating were used prior to the pandemic, uptake is now much more rapid. How long social distancing measures remain is unknown, yet I suspect this use of technology will be integral in our day-to-day working lives from now on.

Change can be difficult and bring many challenges particularly when forced upon in such a pressing manner. Some will embrace the change and find it easier than others. It is important though that everyone feels involved and included in supporting the changes. Looking out for one another and taking care of yourself is paramount during such a stressful and fluctuating time.

Change can be positive. There may be opportunities to revolutionise aspects of care and service delivery. Equally change has the potential to be detrimental if aspects of care are omitted or done incorrectly. Involving and listening to families can support empowerment, promote patient-centred care and help each CYP to achieve their best potential.

As we enter these changes, it is important to evaluate what outcomes we are achieving. Communicating these findings to a wide audience will help us learn from each other to develop best practice and harness the use of technology. The APCP journal would welcome service development submissions in this area.

The deadlines for upcoming journals are 15th July and 15th January. The APCP journal welcome submissions on; Original Research Papers, Scholarly Papers, Case Studies and Case Series, Audit Reports, Review Papers, Technical Evaluations, Service Development Reports, Abstracts of Theses and Dissertations and Letter to the Editor.

In this journal we have:

- A systemised review on body alignment posture in children with cerebral palsy,
- A thematic analysis of internet-based information about children's foot health and
- A UK evaluation of physiotherapy provision for children having surgical correction of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis

To support future submissions, we also have also included new guidance for authors. This can also be found on the APCP website.

I would like to thank the authors for submitting their work to the APCP journal. I would also like to thank the editorial board for their hard work in supporting the reviewing of articles for the journal.