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Welcome from the President, Dr Nick Murch

A very warm welcome to my last newsletter piece in my current role.

Since assuming the presidency of the Society for Acute Medicine (SAM) in 2023, I've aimed to be a prominent voice on the challenges facing urgent and emergency care in the NHS. My tenure has hopefully been marked by advocacy and leadership in addressing key issues, particularly those related to patient flow, workforce shortages, and the increasing reliance on "corridor care" and other inappropriate clinical environments. This has been a very difficult time to be a leader within healthcare, and we have tried to be as supportive of our membership as possible. It has been a pleasure to act in this role despite intense winter pressures, industrial action, EGMs, the Leng report, the 10-year plan, and the dissolution of NHS England.

I have consistently used this platform to highlight the dire state of the NHS. The leadership team, including Tim Cooksley (Past President) and Vicky Price (President-Elect), have regularly been quoted in national media outlets, expressing serious concerns about the decline in performance and the risks to patient safety. We've repeatedly called for an honest conversation regarding the unrelenting stressors on the system.

Successful SAM publications include an undergraduate curriculum for Acute Medicine and documents such as "Strengthening the Foundations," which outlines a path forward for acute medicine. This publication, along with other joint statements with interprofessional agencies, has provided guidance and recommendations to improve patient care, flow, and inter-specialty working in acute care services.

SAM's annual conferences have covered much of the UK, with International Conferences in Glasgow and Brighton, and Spring Conferences in Belfast and Cambridge. Our "Take Aim" conferences in Newcastle and Cardiff mean I've visited all four home nations.

Membership has grown to well over 2200 members. FAMUS has evolved with the production of a spinal module, and the AWESAM finishing school for registrars took place in North Wales. International collaboration has been actively sought, working with colleagues from Europe as well as Asia. The future of acute medicine is truly becoming global.

Thank you to the amazing team who have supported me, and who will continue to support Vicky as she takes over the mantle. I'll be helping (or hindering\!) in the background for a while yet. Thank you again.

With my best wishes,

Dr Nick Murch
SAM President

Upcoming SAM Events



SAMManchester 22-23 September 2025



SAM's 19th Annual International Conference

**ACUTE MEDICINE AT 25:
CELEBRATING PROGRESS, INSPIRING TOMORROW**
Manchester Central Convention Complex
22– 23 September 2025

[SAMManchester Website](#)

ACUTE MEDICINE AT 25 – Join us for a landmark celebration of our specialty, which has transformed the landscape of patient care across the UK. This milestone conference will honour the Society for Acute Medicine's remarkable journey, reflect on the progress we have achieved together, and set our sights on an ambitious, innovative future for acute medicine. **Don't miss this unique opportunity** to connect, learn, and look ahead with colleagues nationwide. **Late payment fees start 8 September!**

👉 Visit the [SAMManchester Website](#) for more information and registration.

SAM Ultrasound Course

Sunday 21 September 2025

Midland Hotel, Manchester | £50 SAM Members

SAM is hosting a hands-on Ultrasound Course ahead of SAMManchester 2025, focused on mandatory competencies for the new curriculum: Thoracic, Abdo/Renal, DVT/Peripheral Vascular Access. Small-group scanning with models, simulators, and case discussions. **Last places available!**

👉 [Register to Attend](#)

SAM Educational Evenings: Autumn/Winter

Look out for further information on our upcoming webinars from October onwards. The webinars are free to attend for SAM members and are CPD accredited.

Catch up on webinars from earlier this on the SAM website: <https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/learning-hub/sam-webinars/>

Save the Dates for our 2026 Conferences

SAMCardiff, 30th April -1st May 2026, Mercure Holland House Hotel, Cardiff

SAMGlasgow, 8th – 9th October 2026, Glasgow Hilton Hotel

For further information on SAM conferences, meetings, webinars & upcoming FAMUS Courses, please visit: <https://www.acutemedicine.org.uk/sam-events/>

President's Fully Funded Conference Places

Supporting Access to SAMManchester 2025
22–23 September | Manchester Central

SAM is committed to supporting the development of the *entire* acute medicine workforce. As part of this, we're offering **President's Fully Funded Places** to help members who face financial barriers and lack access to study budgets. Open to **nurses, AHPs, ACPs, doctors in training, and undergraduate members**, these awards cover **full conference fees and a contribution to travel and accommodation costs**. Applicants must be SAM members with an **accepted abstract**, and all applications will be judged **anonymously**.

This initiative is part of SAM's commitment to developing the whole acute medicine workforce and supporting professional growth across the MDT.

[Click here for further details including application process.](#) **Deadline for applications: 31st August**

Society for Acute Medicine AGM 2026

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for Acute Medicine will be held on Monday 22nd September at 1745hrs in the Exchange Auditorium at Manchester Central, the venue for the SAMManchester Conference.

If you cannot attend in person, we have provision for virtual attendance via Zoom. Please follow the link: [SAM AGM Virtual Attendance](#)

The agenda for the AGM and the minutes of the 2024 AGM held in Brighton, will be circulated the week before.

Funded Places on Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Practice in Adult Learning Disability

Funded places are available on the postgraduate certificate course run by the Royal College of Physicians with Edge Hill University: **Meeting the Medical Needs of Adults with a Learning Disability**.

This course is the only one of its kind in the UK and accepts applicants from a wide range of backgrounds: hospital consultants and higher registrars, general practitioners, psychiatrists and senior allied health professionals. SAM Members may find it particularly relevant given the number of adults with a learning disability who present to the medical take with acute severe illness, in situations that general staff may find hard to manage.

Further information:

Applications will open for February 2026 entry in Autumn 2025. [Find out more and register interest](#)

AIM Interviews: Deadline 29th August!!

We are very short of people willing to help with both the verification of candidates or the interviewing process. **Please contact s.samaan@nhs.net if you can help**

The timetable is below:

AIM R3 2025 Timeline	
Interview Date	Thurs 9 Oct. Frid 10 Oct. Mon 13 Oct & Tues 14 Oct.
Contingency Interview Date	We will build contingency slots across the 4 days
Panel verification	Thurs 4 – Mon 15 Sept.
Panel verification, contingency	Tues 16- Wed 17 Sept.
Applicant appeal window	Fri 19 – Mon 22 Sept.
SAC appeal review	Wed 24 Sept – Mon 29 Sept.

SAM procalcitonin research survey

We wanted to say a massive thankyou to all those who took the time to complete the SAM procalcitonin research questionnaire. We had over 340 responses and are incredibly grateful to all those who took the time to give us your views.

We are now analysing the results and hope to be able to present them at SAM Cardiff as well as submit for publication. It is hoped the results will help inform front door practice around antimicrobial prescribing, stewardship and best practice, as well as guiding SAM research projects moving forwards.

RCP workforce census 2025

Once again, many thanks to all those who completed the RCP Consultant census this year. The results have just been sent through to us and we are looking at analysis and submission for publication over the coming months. There were 140 responses, and the specialty specific questions this year will give us a chance to compare the working patterns and findings to the last census with these questions, in 2023. Those findings are currently being considered for publication in Acute Medicine, so watch this space.

FAMUS updates

The FAMUS working group are delighted to welcome three new members to the working group, after an overwhelming response to the call for applicants. We had over 45 people apply with an amazing level of enthusiasm, experience and competence and it was incredibly difficult to choose between them all.

The successful new members are:

Muzzammil Ali	Consultant AIM / ICM	Ordinary member
Latif Rahman	Consultant AIM	Ordinary member
Hannah Banbury	ST7 AIM / ICM	Resident doctor member

We are looking forward to working with the new members and developing FAMUS further over the coming months and years.

We were incredibly grateful for all those who took the time to apply, and sorry that we had to turn away so many incredibly capable applicants. Thankyou from the team for all that you do to support FAMUS training across the UK - please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any feedback or ideas on how we can move things forward (famus@acutemedicine.org.uk).

CASE NOTE REVIEWERS REQUIRED: NCEPOD study on Stabilisation of the Critically Ill Child

NCEPOD is undertaking a study to identify good practice and areas for improvement in the quality of care provided to patients 0-18th birthday who are critically ill and require stabilisation; and to review the impact of delivering that care on staff, patients and parent carers.

We are recruiting a multi-disciplinary group of healthcare professionals with a working interest in the care of this group.

Case reviewers will be asked to attend meetings during which they will assess case note extracts and provide expert opinion on the care young people receive. A training day is planned for the 30th October 2025 (if you are unable to make this date, training on an ad hoc basis is possible). You would typically be required to attend a minimum of 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London. It is anticipated case review meetings will run for approximately 6-8 months. The data collected during these meetings will form a major part of the study's final report. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

We are looking for clinicians from a wide variety of specialties, including intensivists (paediatric and adult – tertiary and secondary care), paediatric transport intensivists, emergency medicine clinicians (paediatric and adult), paediatricians, anaesthetists (paediatric and adult), physicians, critical care, emergency department and paediatric ward nurses, paediatric site practitioners, critical care outreach clinicians, and surgeons (paediatric and adult).

We aim to recruit clinicians from different clinical grades of at least ST6 or equivalent to ensure that applicants have enough experience for the case note review. Applicants should be in current clinical practice.

Further information about this study including a copy of the study protocol can be found on this [webpage](#).

If you would be interested in acting as a case note reviewer for this study, please send a copy of your CV (short version) to stabilisation@ncepod.org.uk. The deadline for applications is the 1st September 2025.

The SAM Council and Administration Team are here for our members. Full details on your SAM Council Representatives [can be found here](#) and they can be contacted via the Admin Team on administrator@acutemedicine.org.uk