

Yorkshire area report – Autumn 2019

Since coming into post a year ago I have been really keen to establish regular meet ups within the area.

So far we have held three well attended evening CPD meetings around the county in Leeds, Huddersfield and York. The evenings have comprised of a clinical presentation with time to network, reflect and share ideas. All attendees received a CPD certificate and were encouraged to reflect on the evenings. The meetings have been well received with new faces attending each time. A POGP members Whatsapp group has been established to improve networking and communication within the group.

In September we plan to host an evening in Bradford and in December another evening back in Leeds, with more meetings already planned for 2020. If you are interested in attending, would like to host an evening, present on a topic or have not been receiving emails about the evenings, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With such a large county to cover it is always going to be a challenge to get all of the Yorkshire members attending at once however, we are trying to change the location each time to allow as many members as possible to attend. We are also working hard to map our regional area so we can ensure each of our members can access their closest group.

The POGP lower bowel dysfunction course was held at Bradford Royal Infirmary in March and this course was fully booked. It is encouraging to see local hospitals taking on the challenge of hosting courses and that Yorkshire members are expanding their skills and knowledge. We hope to see more courses held within our region especially as the POGP are looking for venues to host their entry level courses.

The Yorkshire group has grown by a couple of members this year totally 41. We have also had contact from some non-members who are keen to join us. It is encouraging to see that so many people are seeking the support of the POGP area groups. I hope that the Yorkshire region can be as supportive as possible to both our new and established members.

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