



ACPRC Annual Report for April 2025-April 2026.

Organisation Name	Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care
Operational Address	ACPRC Secretariat Office, PO Box 4460, Slough, SL33FU
Website	www.acprc.org.uk
AGM Meeting Date	17/04/2026

Committee Description, Mission Statement and Vision.

The following strategic identity was drafted in January 2026, and shared with members in February 2026. It will be formally adopted at the next AGM.

ACPRC: “supporting excellence in respiratory care”

Vision statement

To be the national leader in respiratory physiotherapy across the United Kingdom, ensuring that our members are supported to deliver the highest standard of evidence-based, person-centred care to every individual affected by respiratory conditions.

Mission statement

The Association for Chartered Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care (ACPRC) exists to advance the specialty of respiratory physiotherapy through the promotion of excellence in clinical practice, the facilitation of high-quality research, and the provision of expert education and advocacy.

We empower our members to lead innovation and improve health outcomes for people of all ages living with respiratory conditions via our four core pillars:

Sharing Knowledge and Skills
Connecting People
Facilitating Research and Best Practice
Leadership and Innovation

Core values

1. Clinical Excellence.

We are committed to the highest standards of clinical practice, ensuring that respiratory physiotherapy is grounded in the latest evidence and delivered with skill, empathy and collaboration.

2. Innovation and Research.

We foster a culture of curiosity and progress, supporting the generation of new knowledge and the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and techniques in respiratory care.

3. Collaboration and Inclusivity.

We believe in the power of a unified professional community. We work across boundaries, clinical, academic, and geographical, to share knowledge and support the diverse needs of our members, throughout their careers.

4. Advocacy and Influence.

We serve as the expert voice for respiratory physiotherapy, influencing healthcare policy and promoting the vital role of our profession within multidisciplinary teams and the wider healthcare system.

5. Compassion and Patient-Centred Care.

At the heart of our work is a commitment to the individuals we serve. We advocate for care that is respectful, compassionate, and tailored to the unique needs of every patient.

6. Integrity and Professionalism.

We uphold the values of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), acting with transparency, accountability, and a commitment to lifelong learning and professional development.

Committee Structure and Committee Membership (as of April 2026)

Name	Role	Status	Term Start	Term End	Previous Terms
Harriet Shannon	Chair	Full	Jan-25	Jan-28	3
Owen Gustafson	Vice Chair	Full	Jan-25	Jan-28	2
Carol Montgomery	Treasurer	Full	Jan-24	Jan-27	0
Charlotte Wells	Education Champion	Full	Jan-25	Jan-28	0
Fiona Howroyd	Research Champion	Full	Jan-26	Jan-29	0
Sarah Fitzgerald	Public Relations Officer	Full	Mar-26	Mar-29	0
Laura McGarrigle	Surgical Champion	Full	Apr-25	Apr-28	0
Clair Martin	Critical Care Champion	Full	Apr-26	Jan-29	2
JJ Hudson-Colby	Long-term conditions Champion	Full	Jan-26	Jan-29	0
Jennie Balls	Paediatric Champion	Full	Jan-24	Jan-27	0
Liam Campbell	Home Ventilation Champion	Full	Jan-26	Jun-27	0
Elizabeth King	Journal Editor	Full	Jan-24	Jan-27	0
Sam Dean	Website Editor	Full	Jan-24	Jan-27	0
Laura Mylott	Newsletter Editor	Full	Mar-26	Mar-29	2
Agnieszka Lewko	Evidence and Guidance Group Chair	Full	Jan-26	Jan-29	2
Catrin Emery	ACPRC Connect and Leaders	Full	Jan-26	Jan-29	0
Jackie Ford	Secretary	Paid	Jan-19	n/a	n/a

January 2027 term ends are highlighted in orange.

Membership Summary

	[Previous Year]	[Current Year]	% Change
Total Members	1837 (1581 CSP members)	1670 (1411 CSP members)	-9.1%

ACPRC Work Plan Review

Every year, the ACPRC committee meets to plan a specific focused objective/s for that year, as well as update the core business.

The focused objectives for 2025 were:

1. To increase member engagement via an annual online survey, monthly listening events and a review of ACPRC connect.
2. Review current on-call support provided by the ACPRC and the CSP.

PROGRESS TO DATE:

1. To increase member engagement via an annual online survey, monthly listening events and a review of ACPRC connect.

Online survey (2025). A low response rate meant that it was difficult to take many points forward. However, we got a clear message that members value education opportunities. As a direct result of the survey, we have introduced monthly 'lunch-and-learn' webinars. There was also a request for greater focus on people using long-term ventilation, which was not being met by the current champion specialties. We have introduced a new champion role to lead our work on LTV, as a pilot for 18 months.

Eight on-line listening sessions were held in 2025. These were aimed at providing members with direct access to committee members, to respond to queries and stimulate discussions. Sessions were structured around the topics of leadership, long-term conditions, paediatrics, research and best practice, education (including placements), critical care, on-call and surgery. These varied in attendance numbers, the most popular being on-call. The ACPRC would like to take the opportunity to thank its members for joining the calls and providing food for thought, particularly around supporting members working in district general hospitals, those facing staff shortage and funding cuts and those managing on-call services and training.

Following a review of ACPRC connect, we are maintaining the current respiratory leaders group. We have a new ACPRC connect lead (Catrin Emery), who will continue to develop the role over the course of her term.

2. Review current on-call support provided by the ACPRC and the CSP.
Contributed to the CSP document on justifying an on-call service.

The ACPRC ran an on-call priority setting exercise in Nottingham in November 2025, which is currently being written up as a paper for the ACPRC journal. The exercise was led by Eleanor Douglas with input from the Evidence and Guidance Group.

Evidence and Guidance Group have established an on-call subgroup, who are taking forward the update of the on-call position statement.

We will be working with an external partner on an updated online competence document and will seek CSP funding for this work.

Core business remains as follows, with additional details relevant to 2025/26 added.

No.	Pillar	Core business	Specific focus or additional details relevant to 2025/26	Short-term	Long-term
1	Connecting people	Newsletter engagement	Greater emphasis on member contributions	x	
2		Social media	We stopped posting on X from April 2025. Currently increasing social media presence on LinkedIn and Facebook.	x	
3		Regions	The Regions lead has been combined with the Respiratory Leaders role into 'ACPRC connect' in recognition that some regions have been more active than others.		x
4		Leaders group	Leaders group is valued by our members and will remain as an email list for the time being. The ACPRC skills hub is under construction.		x
5		Develop links with other PNs or groups	Continue to engage with paed and CF professional networks. ACPRC champions are also forming their own networks within our PN		x
6		Website	New website launched in 2024. We continue to update this regularly.		
7	Leadership and innovation	Leaders group	Website page and skills hub, new Connect champion continuing to work with the leaders	x	
8		Publications	Leaders authorship of student handbook published in 2025		
9		Promoting & representative of ALL respiratory physiotherapists	Diverse photo library- now held in ACPRC OneDrive, access requests logged.	x	

10		Financial stability & structure	Review of sponsorship packages planned for April 2026. Continue to look for further funding opportunities		x
11		Bursary support	Divided into education support (£10K per year), research support (£10K per year, NEW for 2026), ACPRC conference bursary (members can apply for up to £100 per person)	x	
12		Carbon footprint	e-journal, e-newsletter, e-year in review, short courses run virtually where appropriate, consideration of merchandise	x	
13		Patient info leaflets revamp	These have currently been archived as we move priorities elsewhere.		x
14		Influence policy	Regular update in newsletter and year in review of policies, guidelines, CSP support we are involved with. BTS workforce, taskforce for lung health, CSP, ICS, PCRS GIRFT report, guidelines	x	
15		Workforce strategy	Workforce focus for 2026, in collaboration with the BTS (Lizzie Grillo coordinating)		x
16		Recognise and celebrate great work	Sarah Keilty award plus ACPRC awards at conference.	x	
17	Research and innovation	Journal publication	Change of name to journal of physiotherapy in respiratory care. Currently recruiting an editor in chief and associate editors to increase independence of the journal from the committee.		x
18		Research guide	Increase support for members submitting to the ACPRC conference, with webinars and access to resources.	x	
19		Increase member publications	Increase in conference abstracts in 2025, which we hope to continue to build on for 2027.	x	
20		Public involvement in research	Patient representative group has been relaunched by our current research champion, Fiona Howroyd.	x	
21		Evidence and Guidance Group publications	Chair within committee, regular meetings output publications are ongoing. Note change of name from editorial board.	x	
22	Sharing knowledge and skills	Diverse content	Ensure diversity of speakers & diversity of content including non-England based, community focus. Seeking greater member	x	

			contributions, including members' spotlights to showcase the diverse roles that our members undertake.		
23		Short course calendar	Annual plan for short courses: dates published in advance. Launched the new monthly ACPRC lunch-and-learn webinars in 2025.	x	

Additional activities are listed below

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	PROGRESS / UPDATE
2025 conference: Scotland Edinburgh April 2025	A successful conference with over 350 people attending in various capacities, making it our biggest in-person conference to date.
Short courses	3x short courses including, Trache study day with ATOS Support worker short course with over 150 attendees.
External partnerships	Supported World Bronchiectasis conference July Brisbane, Australia, including representation from the ICCrPT (International Confederation of Physiotherapists) CSP conference, Cardiff BTS PR short course faculty – delivering regular training BTS Workforce- Lizzie Grillo BTS standards of care BTS education committee- Charlotte Wells ACPRC Chair Quarterly 1:1 with BTS Chair Sally Welham ECMO physiotherapy group
ARC	Took a motion to ARC calling for the CSP to work with professional bodies to canvas regulators and healthcare delivery organisations across the 4 Nations to standardise local requirements for ongoing CPD and local registration of non-medical prescribers. Motion passed, 99%. Thanks to Steph Mansell for leading this work.
GPICS v 5	Critical Care Champion Clair Martin co-authored physiotherapy chapter.
The physiotherapy student's companion: a case-based test your knowledge guide	Twelve respiratory case studies authored by over 30 members of the leaders' group for a case study workbook published in September 2025.

BTS Asthma Guidelines	Added Commentary to the guidelines
Evidence and Guidance group	Five documents published on simulation-based education, Breathing patterns disorders and lung volume recruitment bags
Investment into website (approx £26K)	New website live
Respiratory Leaders	Development of the group under the guidance of Catrin Emery
Sarah Keilty Award	Available for 2026.
ACPRC affiliated groups	Five established networks under surgical champion: Thoracic, cardiac, head and neck, upper GI and colorectal, cardiothoracic transplant.
Journal investment continues, published x2 yearly,	Scholastica very user friendly supporting the review process.
Monthly Newsletter continues	Produced monthly, looking at content going forward to link with website.

Chair's Summary

I took over as chair in January 2025 and we have had another productive year, the highlight of which was our biennial conference in Edinburgh. Special thanks go particularly to Sara Knight and Adam Lewis, our education and research champions at the time, for leading the development and delivery of this conference, alongside Jackie Ford our conference secretary. We are now beginning preparations for the 2027 conference, which will be held in Nottingham at the East Midlands Conference Centre on 16/17th April 2027. After a review of our finances, and following a comparison of other similar conferences from professional networks, a decision was taken to increase the conference fee to £349 for delegates. We are offering an exclusive very early bird members' rate of £149 for a limited period, and I would encourage anyone intending on going to the conference, to register early and take advantage of this substantially discounted rate.

Our priorities for 2025 were member engagement and on-call physiotherapy. We continue to seek new ways to communicate with our members, particularly since leaving X (formerly twitter) for ethical reasons in April 2025. We are drafting or planning several documents to support on-call working and continue to work with the CSP on this topic. Thanks go to Eleanor Douglas, our outgoing respiratory leaders chair, for coordinating the on-call priority setting exercise in Autumn 2025.

In response to member feedback, we increased the number of education opportunities in 2025, delivering monthly 'lunch-and-learn' webinars, which consistently attract over 100 attendees. Thank you to Charlotte Wells, our education champion, for leading this work alongside Sam Dean and the communications subcommittee for coordinating advertisement, sign-ups and slides/recordings.

The committee met in January, June (via MS Teams) and October 2025, including at the CSP conference in Cardiff. During the year (and into 2026), we said goodbye to some longstanding committee members and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions to the ACPRC.

- Anna Alderslade, regional rep. (plus involvement with a number of external partners)
- Ashwin Bhat, newsletter editor
- Eleanor Douglas, respiratory leaders
- Holly Kersey, equity, diversity and inclusion
- Sara Knight, education champion
- Adam Lewis, research champion
- Paul McCallion, long-term conditions

We also welcomed a number of new members, as listed elsewhere in the report. We look forward to working with them over the coming months. Particularly noteworthy is the addition of a new champion for long-term ventilation, Liam Campbell, who will serve for an initial term of 18 months.

We are committed to supporting members with their professional development and have a budget of £10K to support education bursaries. A new research bursary is currently being developed, with a budget of £10K. This is due to be launched in the Summer of 2026. We also supported members to attend our 2025 conference. Please see financial statement for further details of member support from 2025-26.

We have exciting plans for 2026, with a focus on the respiratory physiotherapy workforce, with support from the BTS, Lizzie Grillo and Rachael Colclough. We also look forward to the continued development of the journal under a new name and with a new editor in chief.

Thank you to Liz King (journal editor) for leading this work, supported by Owen Gustafson (Vice-Chair). Short courses and further webinars are also in the pipeline, which try to acknowledge the breadth of our specialty. Thank you to our champions, Jennie Balls (paediatrics), Clair Martin (critical care), JJ Hudson-Colby (long-term conditions), Laura McGarrigle (surgery) and Liam Campbell (long-term ventilation) for contributing specialty-specific courses.

We continue to engage regularly with our stakeholders, particularly the CSP and the BTS. And huge thanks go to our platinum sponsors, Trudell and ICU Medical Inc and our gold sponsors Breas and ATOS for their ongoing support both financially and in terms of time, expertise and support. We look forward to welcoming you all to our 2027 conference next year.

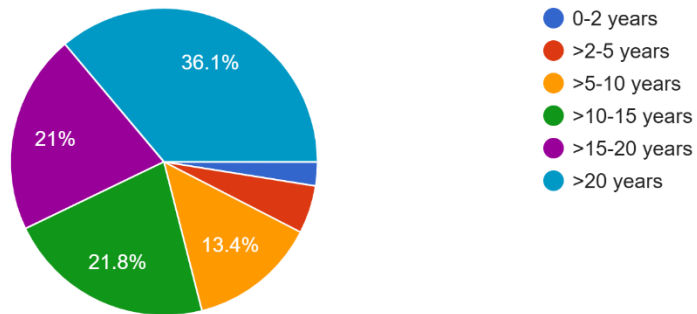
Harriet Shannon, ACPRC Chair.

Members' survey 2025 – executive summary and individual responses to questions.

119 responses received (6.5% response rate). Given the low response rate, it is impossible to draw firm conclusions from the membership. The following responses were received. All of the respondents were qualified physiotherapists, with the largest number of respondents having over 20 years of experience. Most respondents described themselves as clinicians, with a minority being in manager, education, research or leadership roles. One respondent was a retired physiotherapist. Respondents valued sharing knowledge, skills and education most highly of the 4 values and rated short courses as the most important ACPRC activity.

If yes, how many years have you been qualified as a physiotherapist?

119 responses

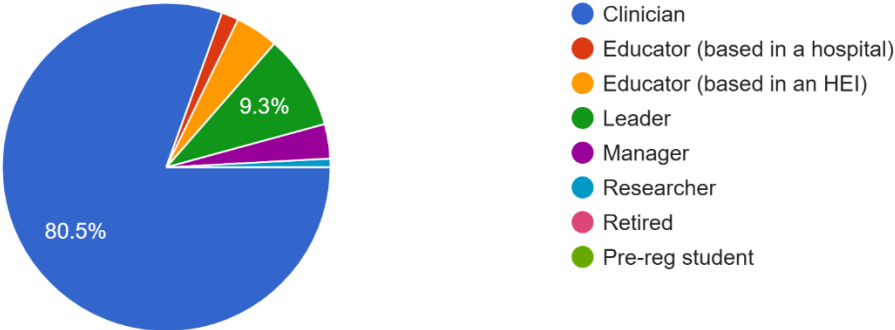


Where in the UK do you currently work?

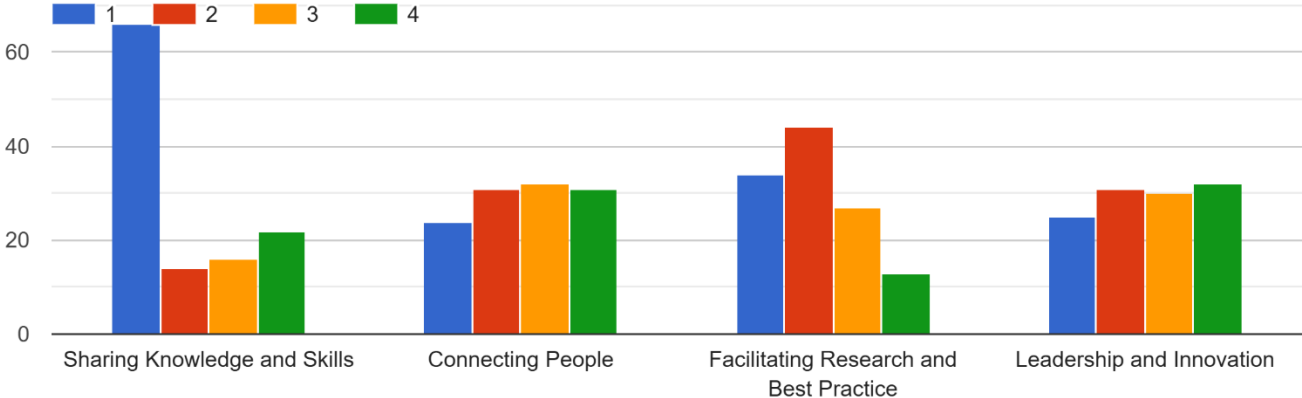
All regions of the UK were represented, with the majority of members being from either London (16%), South West (16%), East of England (12.6%), South East (10.9%), or West Midlands (10.9%).

Which of the following most closely describes your role? (please provide the single closest response or add an alternative under 'other')

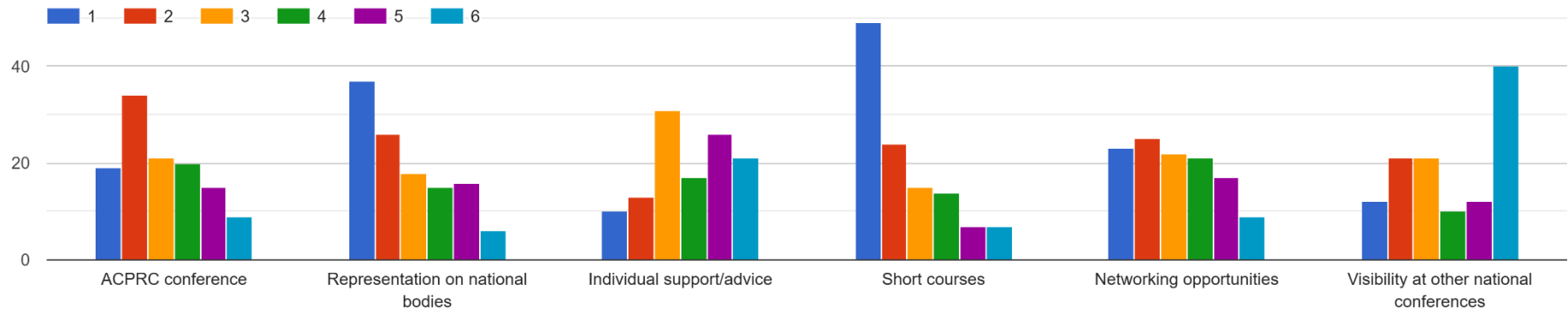
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The ACPRC has four 'values'. Thinking about how you would like the ACPRC to work for you, please rank these in order of priority. 1=top priority, 4=lowest priority



Please rank the following activities in order of importance to you, where 1=most important and 6=least important



Profit and Loss

Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care For the 12 months ended 31 March 2026

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Turnover

ACPRC Sponsorship	11,723.00
Conference Sponsorship	2,500.00
Conference Ticket Sales	4,496.58
Interest income	666.12
Membership Subscriptions	89,035.99
Total Turnover	108,421.69

Gross Profit

108,421.69

Administrative Costs

ACPRC Journal	1,077.63
ACPRC Membership Refund	150.00
Audit & Accountancy fees	46.75
Bursary Conference 25	2,334.85
Committee Expenses for Conference	2,207.22
Conference 25 expenses	28,651.07
Conference 27 Expenses	61,046.95
Conference Outgoings	30,031.40
Conference Speaker Expenses	4,202.29
Education Support Grant	6,415.46
Expenses for Editorial board	1,605.19
Expenses for subcommittee - ECMO	180.40
General Expenses	125.00
Honorarium	4,270.83
IT software and consumables	8,118.73
Merchandise	490.68
National Conference Attendance	6,939.39
Oncall meet expenses	3,054.68
PPI	50.00
Secretariat fees	8,474.33
Subscriptions for Aligned Membership	455.73
Subsidence	413.06
Thoracic network expenses	251.19
Transfer to other ACPRC account	24,786.84
Travel - National	122.75
Travel and Accommodation Associated with Committee Meetings	8,676.51

Total Administrative Costs	204,178.93
Operating Profit	(95,757.24)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(95,757.24)

APR2025-MAR2026

Account	Total
Community Account	£4270.49
Commercial Instant Access Savings	£23750.00
95 day High Interest Saving	£25672.26
Total position 31.3.26	£53,692.75

Annual Budget (anticipated)

Income	
Membership	£85000
Sponsorship	£25000
Net	£110,000
Expenditure	
Conference 2027	£100,000
Education Grant	£10,000
Research Grant	£10,000
Secretariat Fees	£9,000
Journal	£1,000
Committee expenses, subcommittee expenses, national conference representation	£7,000
Honorarium	£4,500
IT	£10,000
Net	

Available Budget for the year	£163,692.75
Anticipated expenditure	£151,500.00
Surplus	£12,192.75