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Conferences Attended:

British Paediatric Neurology Association Meeting Edinburgh

This was the first time BPNA met in person since the pandemic. This was an exceptional conference on all levels. It renewed so much enthusiasm in me to progress through the final stage of my PhD. Many of the presenters included PhD students who had just completed their research or were near finishing and it was so insightful listening to them -methodology, presentation skills and ability to respond to questions.

The conference offered me great networking opportunities with Irish and international consultants with regards to future job perspectives. The conference really helped me delineate between neuro-disability and neurology; two areas of paediatrics I have keen interests in but was somewhat unsure as to which speciality to progress more towards. It was so useful to speak to peers who were a few years ahead of me in their clinical pursuits to hear of their insights and advice for career progression.

Valuable feedback in relation to our pilot study (Poster at conference) and ideas for future direction were obtained during poster walk-about. The study was well received and again had enthused me to complete result dissemination and successfully publish results in coming months.