

**Hello from all of the PELiCaN team and welcome to the second edition of the newsletter, in this edition:**

- PELiCaN's response to COVID-19
  - New Network Branding
  - Staffing Update
- Staying connected with PELiCaN

## Corona Virus (COVID-19)

The PELiCaN team would like to firstly acknowledge the unprecedented and challenging COVID-19 situation which is unfolding in the world around us and the challenges this is causing for NHS staff and families, especially those who include a child or young person who is receiving end of life care.

These are challenges which we have never experienced before, but the dedication and hard work of professionals, key workers and community spirit has also never been more apparent.

We hope you and the ones you love all stay well throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

## Our Network Response

Dr Chris Kidson, PELiCaN Lead Clinician, initially wrote a letter of support to our Network which can be found via the following link. This letter includes information on social distancing and shielding and links to NHS Inform for more information on COVID-19, this can be found on the website here:

<https://www.pelican.scot.nhs.uk/letter-from-dr-chris-kidson/>

Dr Kidson has written a paper on ethically acceptable practice in Scotland during a pandemic and Dr Jonathan Downie and colleagues have written a paper on COVID-19 and the effects on paediatric palliative, end of life and bereavement care. All of these documents can be found on the Professionals section of our website or at the following links:

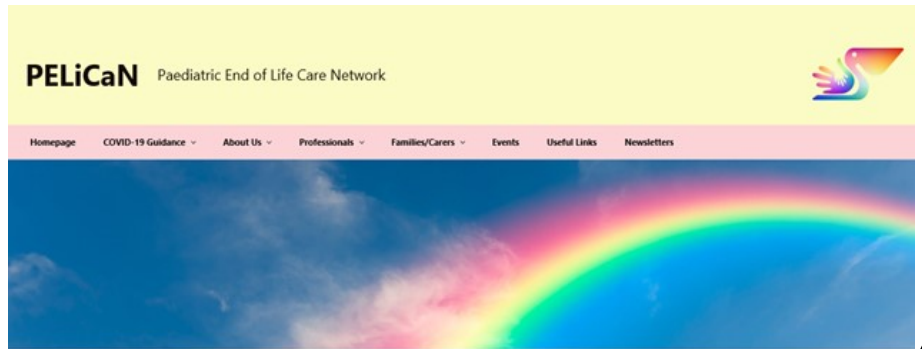
[Ethically Acceptable Practice in Scotland in an Unprecedented Pandemic](#)

[COVID-19 and Paediatric Palliative, End of Life and Bereavement Care \(Scotland\)](#)

PELiCaN have populated pages on the network website with guidance specifically on COVID-19 and for mental health and wellbeing in general which may be useful to you and your patients and their families (<https://www.pelican.scot.nhs.uk/support-and-guidance-inc-covid-19/>) we have also been Tweeting relevant information and support via the @CYPNMCN twitter account.

## Network Branding

Since the last newsletter PELiCaN has agreed on a network brand image. Initially the brief was suggested to include; caring hands, family, umbrella, pelicans and circles. Keeping in mind that the network's stakeholders are families who are experiencing the end of their child's life (0-25yrs) or professionals who are working with these families, any designs would need to be mindful of that. Two final options were taken to the West PELiCaN roadshow and delegates had the opportunity to feedback on these designs. From feedback an amended design in terms of colours of the image was taken to the first network steering group members fed back that they would like to incorporate rainbow colours to reflect rainbow rooms and the spiritual warmth of a soul having passed 'over the rainbow'. Final changes were made and the final design was circulated to the group, and a great deal of positive feedback was received.



### Homepage

The Paediatric End of Life Care Network (PELiCaN) Managed Clinical Network is a network set up in 2019. The network aims to support delivery and improve access to high quality, patient and family centred, end of life care for children and young people; regardless of age, ethnicity or geographical location.

If you would like to contact the PELiCaN team please email [nss.pelican@nhs.net](mailto:nss.pelican@nhs.net) and one of the team will get in touch.

Use the buttons below to visit the relevant page.



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### Recent Updates

CHANGE OF VENUE – PELiCaN Central Roadshow	17th March 2020
PELiCaN Virtual Roadshow – 4th March	31st January 2020
PELiCaN West Roadshow 4th Feb – More Places Available	22nd January 2020
PELiCaN North Roadshow Key Messages	17th January 2020
	13th January 2020

## Team Update

### Shelley Heatlie, Programme Manager

Shelley is now the Programme Manager for PELiCaN (from Feb 2020), she supports the lead clinician and manages the core responsibilities which underpin the network. Shelley has an honours degree in Management and has many years' experience working in the public sector having previously worked in education services for children with additional support needs. She is passionate about quality improvement and managing change and hopes that she can use these skills to drive the network forwards.



### Christopher Williamson, Programme Support Officer

Christopher joined NNMS in February 2020 from the Royal Hospital of Sick Children in Edinburgh where he worked as a Project Support Manager planning, managing and coordinating a diverse array of QI programmes of work for the service management and clinical teams. Chris has worked in three NHS trusts with over a decade of NHS administration and managerial experience and is a former NHS Lothian finalist for Employee of the Year and the Edinburgh Evening News Health Hero award.



## PELiCaN Steering Group

Our inaugural meeting took place on 21 February 2020, the minutes of this meeting are on the PELiCaN website.

Initially PELiCaN will have three sub-groups; **Data, Education, Training and Workforce** and **Quality Improvement and Guidelines**. We would like to see membership from all areas of Scotland, so do get in touch or refer us on to your colleagues ([nss.pelican@nhs.net](mailto:nss.pelican@nhs.net)).

**Due to COVID 19 all meetings are currently on hold but will be scheduled in as soon as possible.**



## PELiCaN Website

The PELiCaN website is now live and being updated regularly.

[www.pelican.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.pelican.scot.nhs.uk)

If you would like to see something on our website please let us know. If you would like us to post something on our website on your behalf please send it to the PELiCaN mailbox for consideration.

## Twitter @CYPNMCN

We use #PELiCaNScotland to cascade pertinent information to our members and our Twitter account has seen considerable growth in interactions in the first 3 months of 2020. In December 2019 the site made 7948 impressions and by March 2020 this figure had risen to just under 20,000 and is attracting new followers; professionals, organisations and personal accounts. Let us know if you would like us to "Tweet" or "Re-Tweet" for you.



## Get involved

Further details can be found on the PELiCaN website:

<https://www.pelican.scot.nhs.uk/>

Or, contact us at [NSS.pelican@nhs.net](mailto:NSS.pelican@nhs.net)

PELiCaN is on Twitter at [@CYPNMCN](https://twitter.com/CYPNMCN)