



## AGM 2006 update



Eighty-three members attended the AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A number of things came up at the AGM which are just worth zapping round to you.



### Personal Note:

I'd just like to say "Thank you" for being such a lovely bunch of people to work with – quite the most appreciative and caring colleagues I've ever had (which says a lot about the "caring" voluntary sector within which I have spent most of my working life!). I thoroughly enjoy my work with the UKMSSNA and thanks to the MS Trust and MS Society for continuing to fund the post.

*Mary*

### Constitution

The members voted overwhelmingly at the AGM to adopt the new Constitution in place of the old Byelaws and Standard Rules of Procedure. There was one abstention and no-one against. The Constitution can be found on the website.

## Website

A number of points came up at the AGM and during the Conference.

- There should be no reason why you cannot access the website as a whole: if you are having problems, please check that you are using the correct address:  
[www.ukmssna.org.uk](http://www.ukmssna.org.uk)
- If you cannot access the Members' Section, check that you are using the correct password – the username and password are the same for everyone (the username is NOT your own name) and can be found on the back of your membership card if you have renewed or joined this year.
- If you are having problems downloading any of the pdf (Adobe Acrobat) files or any of the Slide Library files on your **work computer**, please try downloading them at home (if you have a home computer) or contact your IT Department; there may be a firewall which prevents you downloading files at your workplace. In extremis, I can provide a CD-ROM, but only if it is impossible for you to get hold of the Slide Library in any other way. Please note that the Slide Library should only be accessible to, and used by, members of the UKMSSNA.
- The Register of Members will shortly be available in different formats – in alphabetical order by surname, by town/city and by region. It is not possible to simply put the full Access database or Excel spreadsheet on the website. If anyone knows anyone who knows about MySQL (the software we need to create a searchable website database) and who is willing to help with advice or setting this up, then please let me know.

## Care Manual

I have been told that the new Care Manual will NOT be available from the 18<sup>th</sup> November as announced at the AGM. I don't know what the problem is but I hope you will get it before Christmas!! As some of you will have gathered by now from the various emails flying around, we are hoping to deliver as many of possible via your Regional meeting. This is because the Manual is now in two files, which will be prohibitively expensive to post to everyone. It will not generally be available on a CD-ROM. If you don't have a regional representative or regional meetings, we will have to come up with another solution. Ideas gratefully received. If you are part of a team and/or are willing to distribute to nurses in your locality, **please** let me know.

## Email circulation

I get quite a lot of emails returned "Not known", "wrong address" or variations on that theme. If you have received this update by email then clearly you're OK, but I will post out to those without an email address or one that is returned to me. If this applies to you, **please check your email address on the Register of Members on the website and let me know the correct address.**

*That's all, folks!*