

# Commentary June edition: welcome from Dr Mumtaz Patel

**Dr Mumtaz Patel, RCP president, prefaces this edition of *Commentary* and shares her reflections on the pieces.**

Welcome to the June edition of *Commentary*. This includes my interview, featuring my journey to becoming RCP president. Thank you to Bethan, our wonderful editor who captured my story so well. Lots of pictures of my family, friends and colleagues from my early career to now. I hope you all enjoying reading it.

Dr John Dean, our clinical vice president has done a great interview with Anna Parry, the AACE's managing director, on modern ambulance care. They discuss the relationship between in-hospital physicians and the ambulance service – and how both roles need to evolve to create more integrated, community-based care.

Another interview is with Dr Chris van Tulleken who held a fantastic session at the RCP last November on the commercial determinants of health. This was followed by the hugely popular Christmas lecture. Chris has managed to get some of the children who attended the Christmas lecture to contribute to an upcoming article in the RCP's *Future Healthcare Journal*. These will be our youngest contributors to the journal! It is great to support our next generation at such a young age and they are so impressive. Our future leaders to come, no doubt! We also have an update on the NHSE postgraduate training review work. Our RCP NextGen group have been instrumental in shaping our response to the NHSE

Postgraduate Medical Training Review and we present some of the early findings from the NextGen survey. Thank you to all those who contributed to this. Other updates include our RCP outpatient strategy, sustainability work and the RCP report card, and an overview of the Global Health Diploma recently developed and launched with the Médecins Sans Frontières. Continuing the global theme, I had the great pleasure of attending the first RCP fellowship ceremony in India earlier this year. This was done in partnership with MGM Healthcare in Chennai, our RCP international adviser, Dr Georgi Abraham and wider RCP fellows who were instrumental in organising and delivering such a successful event.

Lastly, we have shared our Turner-Warwick alumni experiences which are a great read. Some of the prior winners were my resident doctors and I am super proud of all of their achievements. 'The sky is the limit' for everyone, as one of the winners very rightly said.

Thank you to our wonderful *Commentary* team and all the staff for putting together such a fantastic edition. Enjoy the read!

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