

Memoriam to Valerie Hall



Val started her nursing career as a student nurse at Belfast City Hospital in 1984. She worked as a Staff Nurse in respiratory medicine and used her expertise in this area to help establish the Northern Ireland Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre. She was appointed the first nurse specialist to this service in 1995.

She graduated in 2001 with BSc Honours in Health Studies, and completed MSc in Nursing in 2007. She was one of the first nurses in Northern Ireland to qualify as a Nurse Independent and Supplementary Prescriber in 2003, and went on to lead the Non-Medical Prescribing in Belfast HSC Trust. In July 2007, she was appointed Regional Cystic Fibrosis Nurse Consultant.

Val was highly thought of throughout the CF community both nationally and internationally, and she was both Vice Chair and Chair of the national group in United Kingdom, as well as being Chair of the international group. She also carried out peer reviews for the CF Trust.

She had a strong personality, was enthusiastic about CF, and of course was not afraid to voice her opinion! She was a passionate and

professional nurse, a fantastic and supportive colleague and friend to her team and peers in Belfast, and an inspiring role model.

Val was a very kind and experienced nurse to work with in INSG-CF. Her knowledge about people and the organization map within ECFS and CF society was extremely useful for us in the board when we took over after Su Madge and Fillippo Festini.

Patiently we collaborated, mostly by e-mail and phone, with a focus on developing the INSG-CF Pre-Conference Meeting at the European Cystic Fibrosis Conferences to the source for nurse improvement of CF health care in and outside Europe. And we have had success regarded the increased participants at the meetings, and the constructive responds for the nurses national presentations.

We have very good memories from our board meeting at Stanstead Airport Hotel – the informal, creative, enjoyable, and intense meeting of the hard working “CF nurse trio” in a corner at the hotel lobby!

Val had some tough times with illness and death in her family during the last years, and she informed us about her illness before she stepped down as INSG-CF Chair at the Dublin meeting. Our last contact with Val was in late autumn.

Val will be so greatly missed within our CF world.



On behalf of INSG-CF

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