



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Colleagues,

### **URGENT CHANGE TO SAPHNA CONFERENCE**

As a result of being contacted by a high and continuous volume of you regarding your revised ability to attend/present at our forthcoming conference, we have decided that amidst an escalating and complex public health crisis, we should not ethically, morally nor professionally ask you give up valuable time to attend and invest yourselves into our event when the need is clearly greater elsewhere.

Having consulted, listened and reflected, we clearly hear, respect and recognise your ongoing and vital need for CPD, therefore, we will still be offering you the knowledge, research, resources, wisdom and talents in a ***Pre-recorded 'bite-sized' conference format***. Presenter recordings will be uploaded to our website so that you can access as and when possible to best suit your availability, learning style and needs. We will also pose opportunity for you to raise comments and questions which our speakers will respond to as possible.

As a result, a number of our presenters will now require more time to prepare for this change in delivery format, therefore, although we will aim to post by 12/13<sup>th</sup> January 2021, this may be delayed and propose to have the remaining pre-recorded content available from the beginning of February. We will make this available for a period of 3 months, allowing for much needed extended time-frames for learning.

To allow for most impact we will also delay the launch of the SAPHNA Vision for School Nursing. We will keep this under constant review and will choose the optimum time to do so; hopefully in the not too distant future. This will be done via a dedicated webinar to which all delegates and key stakeholders will be invited.

Additionally, in an effort to ensure ongoing support for you, we are also offering a series of ***Free of charge*** webinars commencing **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 13.00** and invite you to come along and share your current issues, concerns, solutions and celebrations. Book your place here: [SAPHNA Webinar](#)

Lastly, we do understand that, despite competing pressures, many of you will be as disappointed as we are, however, we hope you will agree that we are in constantly and rapidly changing times and, in deciding our change of format, we have kept our workforce, but more importantly, children, young people and families, at the heart of this decision making.

Thank you for your understanding and be assured that all at the School and Public Health Nurses Association are and will continue working for optimum outcomes for us all.

Do take gentle care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sharon White', is positioned above a vertical line that extends downwards.

Sharon White OBE, CEO, SAPHNA  
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And all at Team SAPHNA