

Dr. Jane Hanley

Professional Profile:

Jane Hanley PhD completed the integrated student scheme (ISS3) at The Royal London Hospital during the 1970s and attained the dual qualification of a Registered Mental Health and General Nurse. Having worked as a senior nurse for the Ministry of Health in the Bahamas and the Ministry of Defence in Oman, Jane returned to the UK to train as a Health Visitor and counsellor at Swansea University and worked for 18 years in Primary Care.

In 2002 she was awarded a PhD for her thesis which examined the health beliefs of Muslim and Western mothers with postpartum depression. Jane is currently a lecturer in Primary Care and Public Health at Swansea University. Jane joined the Marcé Society in 1985. This inspired her and colleagues to organise the first Welsh conference on postpartum depression. She has since chaired several national conferences and has lectured widely on postpartum depression. She also represented her profession on the Defeat Depression Campaign, organised by the Royal College of Psychiatrist and General Practitioners in the 1990s.

She has initiated training programmes on perinatal mental health and has helped to raise awareness of the practical issues of postpartum depression throughout the UK. Several grants have been awarded to promote her work. Jane has published work on her thesis, on videos on postnatal depression, and is currently writing a text book on perinatal mental health. She is pursuing research into a video project with a fellow Marcé member and a national charitable organisation.

Jane was elected to the Executive committee of the newly formed United Kingdom and Ireland Marce Society (UKIMS) in 2004 and was honoured to be given the presidency in 2006. She has since been re-elected for a further 2 years. Jane is the first nurse in the UK to hold the post of Secretary.

Secretary's Duties:

The Secretary will be elected for a period of four years. The Secretary of the Society will keep proper records of all business meetings of the Society which will be open to inspection on request by any member.

President Elect's Duties:

The President Elect serves for two years and is then nominated as President.