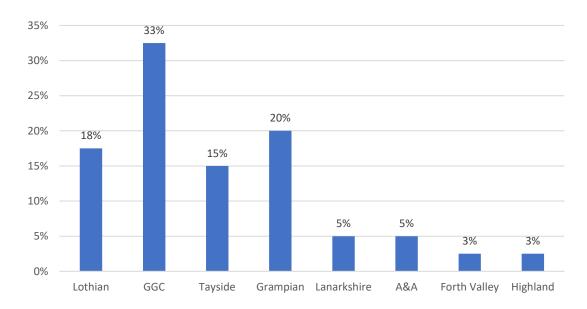


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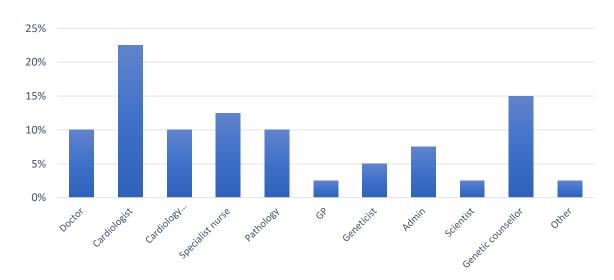
On Friday 8th September 2023, the Network for Inherited Cardiac Conditions Scotland (NICCS) held an annual Symposium hosted at COSLA Conference Centre, Edinburgh. There were around 40 people attending in person and 31 on Teams. Evaluation feedback form was circulated post event to all delegates and 40 people took the opportunity to respond.

Who provided feedback?

Forty people from across eight health board areas responded to the survey.

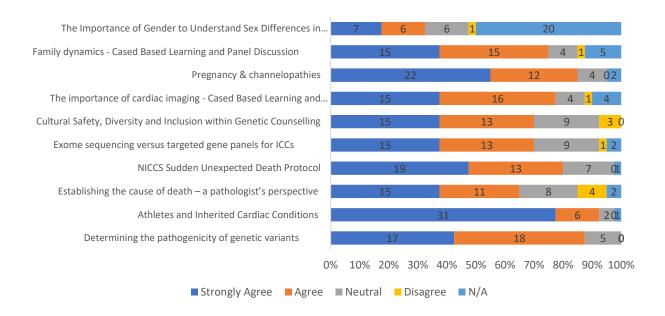


The greatest number of responses came from people working within cardiology and genetic counselling.



What did people tell us?

We asked to evaluate the presentations based on their relevance to delegates educational needs. Majority of people strongly agreed / agreed the topics discussed were relevant to their educational needs:



We asked people what impact this event will have on their future practice and the responses can be reflected in the following themes:

- Greater understanding of genetic testing, managing families with HCM
- Improved understanding of ICC in athletes
- Awareness and education around role of varies professionals in ICC care
- Confidence discussing exercise with ICC patients.
- Management of ICC in pregnancy
- Developments and future treatments

We asked what people thought the overall quality of the event was and 83% respondents indicated it was excellent:

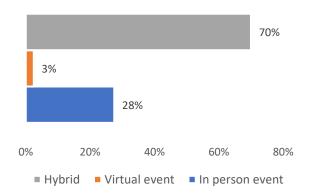


When we asked what could have been improved, majority of respondents would not change anything and thought the event was well organised. There were minor audio/IT issues mentioned and perhaps individual microphone for the speakers was one the suggested improvements. It was also pointed out that some presentations were too niche, and more case-based discussions would be welcomed.

When asked about the topics of future education events, respondents suggested the following:

- Marfans
- Case studies/challenging cases
- Aortopathies
- Psychological impact of ICCs
- Hypercholesterolaemia, Amyloidosis
- Paediatric ICCs
- Specific disorder topics i.e. DCM, Brugada

Respondents were asked for the preference around the format of the events in the future, majority of the group - 28 people (70%) preferred hybrid event, where delegates attend in person with an opportunity to join via Teams for those unable to attend for any reason. 11 people (28%) voted for in person event (without an online option). Only one person (3%) opted for virtual only event.



The survey asked respondents to share any other comments with regards to the NICCS Symposium. Number of people expressed their gratitude for an opportunity to attend virtually, as otherwise they would not be able to attend. Those that attended in person highlighted the accessibility of the venue with excellent public transport links. Networking and collaborative atmosphere of the event was evident and appreciated by the teams attending.

Non-attendance and the cost impact

The educational events organised by NICCS were provided free of charge to staff involved in the ICC care in Scotland. However, the cost was covered by the Network. It was worth noting that 20% of people registered did not attend, therefore the

Network has lost £354 in the cost of the catering, that could have been spent elsewhere.

How will we use this feedback?

The feedback received will be shared with the NICCS Steering Group in November 2023 and form basis for planning future events.