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Dear Colleagues,

Autumn is here and Christmas is just around the corner! The festive season brings the best in all – smiles, gifts warm open fires with a glass of your favourite drink and the company of your loved ones. I think –it’s the best time of the year.

Well, the last few months have not been bad either. ASPC has had a great symposium at the recent AfPP conference in Harrogate. AfPP Conference hosts one of the largest medical exhibitors in Europe and I would strongly recommend to our members, to attend one of these conferences –as it is an enlightening experience. AfPP and ASPC plan to work in collaboration in the delivery of surgical services in the community.

Few weeks ago, the Health Minister launched the ‘Care Closer to Home’ publication and ASPC was well represented by members from Cornwall and Wiltshire. The Department of Health have been and continue to support our cause –as was evident at the recent CCTH launch.

ASPC Council members had a fringe meeting at the RCGP conference in Edinburgh. It was our first representation and it was well attended. We hope to continue to work with RCGP to further the cause of transferring appropriate surgical services from secondary care to primary care.

Next year – ASPC will be hosting its conference on the 18th and 19th April. The venue will be The Ettington Chase Conference Centre, Stratford. Please pencil these dates in your diary and I look forward to meeting you all. Details will be posted on our website.

Mean while, have a festive Christmas.

Best wishes,

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