

18th June 2007

Dear Colleagues,

ASPC was well represented at the recent ASGBI and BADS conferences. Both conferences were well attended and ASPC was well received. 'Care Closer to Home' project –the DOH initiative has had an added boost by the appointment of Sir Prof Ara Darzi as Junior Health Minister. Sir Ara Darzi is a forward thinking surgeon and very supportive of our venture. We shall keep our fingers crossed and monitor DOH's CCTH progress in the next few months.

ASPC will hosting a symposium at the forthcoming AfPP (Association of Peri operative Practice) on the 10th October 2007 at Harrogate. AfPP is the largest medical conference in the UK and well worth attending. We shall be discussing and debating on ALL issues related to surgery in primary care. It should be an exciting and an educative symposium.

ASPC is in its first year and we need to know and assess as to how our ASPC members would like to see the organisation grow and what they want from the organisation. We (the Council) have our own ideas –but would appreciate if we could hear from YOU ---the ASPC members –regarding your 'wish list'. The intended plan is to have an informal 'gathering' of members in November of this year. If you have any further suggestions, please let me hear your views via the ASPC website / e-mail. Mean while, have a good summer.

Best wishes,
Raj Dhumale