

Thursday, 26 March 2020

Dear BAD Members,

The BAD closely monitors the current outbreak of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) and takes advice from authorities such as the World Health Organization (WHO), Public Health England, the Department for Health & Social Care Prevention and the NHS to protect the health and safety of BAD event attendees, members, staff and participants.

We are likely to see a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the next few weeks and we all must play our part in both reducing the rate of spread of the infection and being available to help the NHS cope. **Therefore, all BAD Meetings and events scheduled until the end of June 2020 will be either cancelled or postponed.** Individuals who have already registered for events will be contacted with further details. Staff are working to provide remote access to committee meetings and will contact Chairs individually.

In order to avoid exposure or transmission of COVID-19, we urge all BAD members to act responsibly and follow the instructions from the authorities. The wellbeing and safety of our event attendees and the wider public has been at the forefront of our decision.

We will inform you of any changes as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'y'.

Ruth Murphy

President

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