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Subject: RE: Royal College annual meeting

Dear Joanna

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that you are concerned and disappointed at the Organising Committees decision making. I cannot, however, add much if anything to our earlier correspondence. Decisions are made by a committee with committee members (which include user and carer reps and trainees) rating sessions individually and the committee then discussing them. Committee members volunteer themselves onto the Committee- I don't select them. The discussions are not recorded but all sessions that have a majority vote are accepted onto the programme. I appreciate that you feel very strongly about the importance of this topic. I am aware that everyone who submits does so because they feel their topic is important. Judging the worth of topics is well beyond my scope or expertise. All I do is co-chair a committee. I wonder if a way forwards might be to talk to the College Officers about holding an event on this at the College

With best wishes

Helen