

Foreword from the Editor-in-Chief

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Welcome to a belated issue of the JNDS as the UK is hit by an unusually hot spell of weather, a turbulent political scene on a background of the ongoing war in Ukraine and huge economic difficulties globally from the effects on fuel prices as well as grain shortages. COVID at the same time is here to stay with varying control measures around the world.

There is still much disruption to the provision of healthcare and particularly surgery in the UK with a growing national waiting list and ongoing disruption to planned surgery.

In this edition of the journal we have Emily Hotine on "Picture a Scientist" and we start a new series on Sustainability in surgery by Susannah Black. We feature Ann Ogbemudia in our profile series and a number of interesting cases including the management of appendicitis in COVID and during pregnancy as well as the prevention of bile duct injuries.

I hope that this issue reaffirms the journals commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion with our profile series and the articles by Emily Hotine as well as showcasing issue of importance to patients.