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Dear UKTMN member,

I hope you have all enjoyed the Festive Season and wish you a happy, healthy year ahead.



I'd like to take this opportunity to say hello as the new Chair of the UKTMN Executive Group. Some of you I have met before at various meetings, others I shall look forward to meeting in the future. I'd also like to announce that Suzanne Hartley, Head of Trial Management at the Leeds Clinical Trial Research Unit, has been appointed as the Deputy Chair of the UKTMN Executive Group. She and I, along with other members of the Executive Group, will continue to work closely together to provide you with the best possible Network.

We have an exciting year ahead with lots to look forward to. You'll soon be hearing from Natalie, our UKTMN Manager, who will be asking you to renew your membership. There is no charge to do this – membership is **free** – but it's really important to check your contact details, update if necessary and renew membership for the year. Do look out for details from Natalie soon.

We are busy making plans for 2020. We are keen to roll-out more training for our members but want to hear from you about what training is important to you, so in the forthcoming months we will ask you to complete a short survey about training. Our revised competency framework is currently in the beta-testing phase and we hope to release a final version later this year. Thank you to members who are helping with this and thanks also to members of our Training and Competency Framework group who are moving this forwards. We will continue to provide webinar on interesting topics for you.

We are very keen to improve our website and give you more resources. You'll see new additions all the time so do keep checking the website. We have been delighted to see more of our members using our forums and other members helping answering queries – sharing expertise, ideas and resources is at the heart of the Network. You'll have seen the career development work we started earlier this year and we are keen to continue to push this agenda. Once the survey results are published, we will let you know and also produce summary results for the website. We also plan on producing some resources you may helpful for your own career development.

Do remember this is **your** network and we love to hear from members. If you have any ideas or areas you would like to see the UKTMN pursue, then do get in touch with Natalie. Similarly, if you have an area of trial management you think would be of interest and use to our members, do share and consider presenting at one of our webinars. You can keep up-to-date and get in touch in several ways; by our website (www.tmn.ac.uk), email (uktmn@Nottingham.ac.uk) or Twitter (@UKTMN).

With best wishes for 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eleanor".

Eleanor Mitchell
Chair of the UKTMN Executive Group