

## **2020 Members Weekend & Annual General Meeting ('AGM') Cancelled**

I am sorry to have to let you know that, due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis, our Members Weekend which was due to be held on 2nd - 3rd of May has been cancelled. Whilst this has been a difficult decision to make, the safety and well-being of the EB Community and DEBRA staff and volunteers is of paramount importance. For the same reasons, there will be no AGM held this year.

All of us at DEBRA recognise the importance of our Members having regular contact with other individuals, families and professionals and we are looking at alternative options to create this EB Community interaction during 2020, if possible.

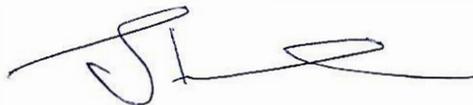
Rest assured that as COVID-19 builds towards its expected peak in the UK over the coming months, we will do everything within our power to continue to provide an effective service to the EB Community via our wonderful Community Support Team.

Our Articles of Association allow us the flexibility not to hold an AGM. That said, there are still certain practicalities that need taken care of, including the adoption of the Annual Trustees Report (which will be produced under the current planned timetable) and the election of new Trustees.

I intend that Members are still given every opportunity to make the decisions that would have been asked of them at the AGM. Our Trustees are currently discussing the best way to conduct such business and its timing, outside of an AGM. We'll be in contact with DEBRA Members in due course with further information.

Thank you for your understanding and support on these matters and please continue to follow all public health advice with regards to COVID-19.

We will be in touch with everyone who booked to attend Members Weekend offering a refund of deposits made.



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**Chair of Trustees**

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