<u>Morecambe Bay Medical Journal:  Update; Call for new Editorial Board members and submissions</u>

In 2020 *MBMJ* has celebrated 30 years of continuous publication. All the past issues are now available @ mbmj.co.uk. Some have received a DOI; Digital Object Identifier. This is extremely good news for both the Authors and the Journal credibility. The Journal is visible to Google Crawlers and hence submissions and queries have increased.  The Journal has been fully peer reviewed for the last 2 years. I am grateful to the reviewers for their diligent critique. The MBMJ is produced thrice a year. The distribution is both by electronic and hard copy. The ambition is to produce it fully online. Our Trust remains the only NHS Trust supporting this academic activity

The current system of submission and "track & trace" of articles is demanding and unsatisfactory. Like all else CV19 has dampened our plans for online production. But soon there should be an online system of submission, peer review, author amendments and final production of the journal.  All of this will certainly stream line my task as Editor, and facilitate your work as authors and/or reviewers.

My vision is to expand MBMJ to the local veterinary and equestrian services. Perhaps  retired colleagues  could share anecdotes of their working life?  We could produce a regular section on the "lighter side of life";  " spot the diagnosis"( radiological or clinical).

 I am keen to recruit new editorial board members, especially from Cumbria. Submissions on topics or areas like patient safety, research and guidelines from relevant departments in UHMB and Lancaster University are particularly sought after.

If you wish to apply to be a board member please email me on shadaba.ahmed@mbht.nhs.uk  Please outline your experience and interest in your email (just three or four paragraphs maximum is sufficient).

 Submissions for the autumn issue should be submitted to me by early November; at email above. Thank you all and  stay safe