

Why be a member of UKCEN?

The UKCEN offers two types of membership, committee membership and individual membership. The former is for clinical ethics committees. The latter for individuals who are interested in clinical ethics and may or may not be members of clinical ethics committees.

The show piece of the UKCEN year is the annual conference. This is a well-attended event with excellent guest speakers addressing a specific topic of interest to the clinical ethics community. The conference is also geared to effective networking across the clinical ethics community. The aim is education together with the development and enhancement of relationships. Each committee that is a paid up member of UKCEN can secure a free place for one member from their committee at the conference.



There is also a half day pre-conference workshops pitched at healthcare professionals who need training beyond the basic level of clinical ethics. These are usually arranged for the day before the conference and are free for up to five members from each paid up clinical ethics committee and for individual members. Attendance would clearly be most convenient for those attending the annual conference.

For the last two years the UKCEN board have commissioned videos of the talks given at the annual conference. These are presently available albeit on a temporary basis for now. Access to the private members' forum on the UKCEN website is required to access these videos. This access is a privilege of membership.



The UKCEN also provides a web-based forum. This is available to private members as well as committee members (via a password) and provides access to a forum where members can engage within the clinical ethics community.



One of the core charitable purposes of the UKCEN is to promote education. In addition to the conference there is a drive to facilitate committees in their own educational activities. Paid up members

can therefore apply for a grant of up to £500.00 to support educational activities that are aimed at improving quality of health care for the public by the promotion of high ethical standards in the provision of health care. Committees are encouraged to apply for this money. Approval is rarely declined, but committees are encouraged to link with other nearby committees for such educational events in order to create a larger attendance and to promote communication within the ethics community.

Annual membership for Committees is £200 and individual membership is £45, these rates have remained unchanged for several years.