After more than five years, the journal is changing its editorial team. Jon Glasby and Robin Miller have led the journal since 2012/2013 pass the baton on to a new team. During their highly successful tenure the journal built on its strengths yet also embarked on new and exciting journeys.

When I spoke to Jon Glasby about the journal for the first time, he stressed the journal’s focus on practice and its close relationship with practitioners. This has always been a unique feature of the journal and one that came with challenges that Jon and Robin were eager to embrace. Under Jon’s leadership, the journal maintained a strong emphasis on how integrated care affects the community of practice. It was Jon and Robin’s conviction that it is important to capture how things look from the bottom up, not just from the top down. This was even more relevant as integrated care was often imposed through central policy rather than organically emerged from local efforts. Their approach has been vindicated over time. The voices of those who “do” integrated care have become ever more important in the conversation.

The result is a journal that prides itself on efficient peer review and speedy editorial decisions. The turnaround time for papers from submission to editorial decision remains one of the lowest in the industry. Achieving this requires dedication, expertise and discipline, something that both Jon and Robin provided consistently over the last five years to the benefit of the journal, its authors and readers.

Just as the journal changed over time, so the field of integrated care has undergone considerable changes. Looking ahead it is important that the journal capitalises on its excellent position in the field and retains its unique character and qualities. There can be no doubt that the change of editorial team will bring challenges as well as opportunities. It is up to the new editorial team to embrace these with the same skill, knowledge and vision as Jon Glasby and Robin Miller, and prove themselves to be worthy guardians of their editorial legacy.

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