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Committee Role – Operational Committee; Conference Evaluation

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Biography (long descriptive text) – limited to 400 words	I began my academic career whilst GP training in Birmingham (UK), later working as a partner and a clinical lecturer. We moved to NZ in 2001 where I set up the Clinical Skills Centre for the University of Auckland. The centre is used by students undertaking health professional programmes through the faculty. I was Director of the Centre until October 2017. I now have two senior roles within the medical programme but continue to contribute to other programmes. I have been editor for the journal, Focus on Health Professional education since 2015. In 2015 I received a 'Choice Critics

	<p>Award' from Medical Education, and in 2016 a university award for sustained excellence in teaching. Between 2005 and 2014 I held positions within ANZAHPE and was scientific chair for two conferences. Away from work I dabble in painting and cooking. A perfect day would be snorkelling in clear water and walks along the beach.</p>
Research (long text)	<p>I have an eclectic mix of research activity and publications which includes: qualitative and quantitative methodologies, health professional education and clinical practice. Over the last 15 years skills-based research has been a major focus. Much of my output has been in collaboration locally, regionally or internationally (e.g. UK, Australia, North America, Hong Kong & Japan). Current research includes exploration of Threshold Concepts, aspects of clinical skills (particularly peer physical examination), professionalism, transitions in education and training, and the impact of progress testing. Google Scholar H index 19.</p>
Teaching (long text)	<p>I have been involved in undergraduate and postgraduate education for 20+ years. Undergraduate teaching has mainly focussed on clinical and professional skills. In the UK, I held the inaugural Sir Sigmund Warburg Lectureship in Communication Studies. In NZ I have designed and delivered clinical skills curricula, developed assessments and contributed to the professional domain of learning. Previously I co-convened the MMedSc(GP) at Birmingham University and was involved in GP Training. I am now a contributor to the Auckland MCLinEd.</p>
Publications (long text)	<p>60+ peer reviewed publications.</p> <p>For a sample please see:</p> <p>https://unidirectory.auckland.ac.nz/people/a-wearn</p>
Conferences / Lectures (long text)	<p>I have contributed regularly to local and international conferences through peer-reviewed oral presentations, posters workshops and conference management.</p>
External links to work	