

**Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Meeting – 24 May 2010
Executive Summary**

Governance

The proposed new Articles of Association, incorporating some minor changes proposed by Colleges, will now be sent to the Charity Commission for approval. The new Articles will be formally adopted by the Academy at its July meeting.

Academy Officer Elections

It was reported that the Chairman, two current vice-chairmen and Honorary Treasurer, whose terms are not complete, had all indicated that they wished to continue in office. However the Honorary Secretary, Adrian Newland, had indicated he would be standing down. Nominations are therefore now being sought from members for the posts of Honorary Secretary and for the third vice-chairman post agreed at the last meeting.

Faculties and the Academy

The Academy agreed a set of guidelines for considering future applications for Faculties to join the Academy and principles for the establishment of pan-specialty faculties. These will be redrafted in the light of the discussion and circulated to members.

VTE

Whilst there has not yet been a response from the Department of Health to the Academy proposal for a standard national drug chart, the Academy agreed to re-emphasise its support for introducing a standardised chart. The Royal College of Physicians (London) will lead this work for the Academy.

Academy Clinical Practice Group

The Academy recognised that whilst it has undertaken some work around clinical standards there was case for more joint and shared work amongst Colleges in this area. It was therefore agreed to hold a meeting for College clinical practice leads to gauge the scope and appetite for on-going joint working. This meeting will probably take place in September.

GMC statement on College exams

There was continuing unanimous concern from Colleges over the GMC statement that College exams have to be taken “during or upon completion” of an approved training programme for them to count towards a CCT. A strong Academy delegation will be attending the meeting with the GMC on 17 June and it will be pushing hard for a resolution of the issue. The Academy is collating information from Colleges on the numbers and categories of doctors affected as far as is practicable to be able to use at meeting.

Staff and Associate Specialists

The Academy considered a letter from the BMA SAS Committee on a series of issues in support of SAS doctors. The Academy was supportive of SAS requests around revalidation and CPD and agreed to ask Colleges to consult with their own SAS groups as to whether there was support for an Academy co-ordinating group for SAS doctors.

SHA Medical Directors

The Academy welcomed the continuing desire of the SHA medical directors to work closely with Colleges. Sir Bruce Keogh and the SHA medical directors are keen to engage the Academy in work on clinical prioritisation.

Patient Focussed Records

The Academy supported a statement from the RCP(L) on the importance of medical records being truly focussed on the patient rather than disease, intervention or location. The Academy stressed that this should apply across and between primary, community and secondary care and that patients must be involved in taking this issue forward.

Medical Education England

It was agreed to set aside time to consider the overall implications of the all the various reviews commissioned by MEE and DH. It is hoped to do this in July.

BMA and College Exam fees

The Academy considered a letter from the BMA Junior Doctors Committee expressing concern about the level of recent rises in College exam fees. Whilst this was a matter for individual Colleges, the Academy did agree that full transparency over costing and involvement of trainees were key principles that should be followed in setting fees.

Medical Schools Council

The Academy appointed its vice-chairman and education lead, Professor Dinesh Bhugra, as its representative on the Medical Schools Council.

Centre for Workforce Intelligence (CWI)

The Academy endorsed Chairman's appointment to the CWI Advisory Board. It also reiterated its wish to see a clear protocol developed to cover relations between Colleges and the CWI.

HFMA Awards Panel

The Academy agreed to support and provide a judge for the Healthcare Financial Management Association Clinician of the Year award.

NICE Partners Council

The Academy noted some member concern about the effectiveness of the NICE Partners Council.

Wellcome History of Medicine Unit

Without commenting on the details, concern was expressed at the loss of a valuable resource with the proposed closure of the Wellcome History of Medicine Unit.

Faculty of Public Health

Professor Alan Maryon-Davis steps down shortly as President of the FPH. Members sincerely thanked Alan for his contribution to the Academy and welcome his successor Professor Lindsey Davies.

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