

COUNCIL MEETING – 30 APRIL 2014

Summary of key issues

Welcome and thanks

Because of changes in presidency in a number of Colleges the Council said farewell to several members who were attending their final Council meeting. The Council expressed its sincere gratitude to

- Dr Olivia Carlton, President Faculty of Occupational Medicine
- Professor Harminder Dua, President Royal College of Ophthalmologists
- Miss Kathy Harley, President Faculty of Dental Surgery
- Professor Dame Susan Bailey, President Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Professor Norman Williams, President Royal College of Surgeons (England)
- Sir Richard Thompson, President Royal College of Physicians, London

The Council congratulated the Presidents-elect

- Dr Richard Heron, Faculty of Occupational Medicine
- Professor Carrie MacEwan, Royal College of Ophthalmologists
- Professor Nigel Hunt, Faculty of Dental Surgery
- Professor Sir Simon Wessley, Royal College of Psychiatrists
- Miss Clare Marx, Royal College of Surgeons (England)
- Professor Jane Dacre, Royal College of Physicians, London
- Dr Suzy Lishman, Royal College of Pathologists

The Council also thanked Dr Naila Kamal, Chair of the Academy SAS Committee, who had demitted office as a co-opted member.

The Council agreed to seek nominations for a new Academy Vice-Chair to replace Sue Bailey and a new Council member of the Trustee Board to replace Olivia Carlton

New Academy Council Member – Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine

The Council unanimously agreed to support the application of the Faculty of Intensive care Medicine to join the Academy.

Care.data

There was a lengthy and thoughtful discussion of the issues around the Care.data programme. The Council reiterated its continuing full support for the principles behind Care.data and the benefits it can bring. The objective of Colleges was therefore to see effective progress subject to satisfactory safeguards on specific issues and successful piloting. The Council did not support calls to delay implementation. The Council agreed to produce a statement of its position on Care.data and to communicate this to the Secretary of State

The Accountable Clinician

The Council endorsed the report undertaken for the Secretary of State on the “Accountable Clinician”. The Secretary of State and the Academy will jointly launch the guidance shortly.

Child Sexual Exploitation

The Council welcomed and endorsed the report of an Academy Working Group which had produced detailed advice on what Royal Colleges can contribute to tackling the problem. The report will be published shortly

Differential attainment in medical education

The Council received a report on the recent Judicial Review (JR) of the FRCGP exam noting that the challenge had not been upheld. The Council was clear that the outcome of the JR should not mean that the impetus to address issues of differential attainment in exams and wider medical education should be lost. The Council therefore welcomed the established of a Steering Group by the Academy to bring together relevant stakeholders to co-ordinate further activity.

Shape of Training

The Council reiterated the need to maintain momentum and a pro-active College role in respect of Shape of Training. The first meeting of the Academy Cross-College Shape Group takes place on 15 May.

Mental Capacity Act

In response to a recommendation from the House Of Lords Mental Capacity Act Review the Council agreed to establish a small group to draw up recommendations on how to raise the profile of the Act amongst healthcare professionals.

College International Activity

The Council noted that an externally commissioned report on College international activity had almost been completed and agreed to establish a Sub-Group of four College Presidents and four Chief Executives with expert advice from the International Forum to consider the report and make recommendations on next steps and the future of the International Forum

Flexible Careers Committee

The Council agreed to support the continued work of the Flexible Careers Group for a further three year period recognising this is an increasingly important issue for both male and female doctors.

Revalidation

The Council endorsed the Academy Revalidation Specialty Guidance Group publications on an Updated Core Framework, the Interim Project Report and Guidance for Appraisal which will be circulated to Colleges shortly. The Group was congratulated and thanked for their work.

The Council also thanked Tony Falconer for all his work over the past three years as Academy Revalidation Lead and welcome Ian Starke (RCP London) to the role

Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)

Following the Council meeting members met with Mr Danny Keenan, HQIP Medical Director and Ms Jane Ingham, HQIP Chief Executive to discuss the work of HQIP and ways that Colleges and HQIP could work together