

**ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 JULY 2015**

**Summary of key issues**

**Choosing Wisely**

The Council noted the positive progress of the Academy “*Choosing Wisely*” initiative and that Colleges and Faculties have been asked to draw up their lists of interventions whose value should be questioned.

**Extended GP training**

The Council was pleased to support a paper from the RCGP setting out their proposals for a fourth year of GP training. The Academy had previously endorsed the principle of four year GP training and was happy to support the more detailed proposals.

**Public Health funding**

The Council considered the recently proposed cuts of £200m in funding for public health activity in local authorities. The Council expressed its opposition to the cuts which will not only cause additional pressures for the NHS but also undermine the whole philosophy of prevention set out in the Five Year Forward View. It was agreed that the Academy should campaign in a broad alliance against these cuts which will seriously damage healthcare.

**Coordinating care in primary, community and outpatient settings**

The Council endorsed the draft guidance on coordinating care in primary, community and outpatient settings which had been produced at the request of the Secretary of State. Members felt these were very positive proposals but it would be important to stress to the Secretary of State that they would only be effectively implemented if they were properly resourced in terms of staffing and informatics infrastructure.

The Council thanked Professor Mike Pringle (President RCGP) and Dr David Richmond (President RCOG) and members of the group for their excellent work.

**Training quality improvement project – Training for better outcomes**

The Council endorsed the Academy project on embedding quality improvement (QI) into training at all levels and the development of a structured framework of QI methodology and infrastructure support.

**What makes effective guidance?**

The Council endorsed a short Academy project looking at how Colleges and Faculties go about producing guidance for members and the NHS and how it is disseminated and implemented – or not – within the NHS. The hope is to identify the features which are likely to make a piece of guidance effective and valued.

**International college activity**

The Council received a report on the first successful meeting of the new Academy Global Health Forum being managed by the Faculty of Public Health.

### **Poor behaviours between clinical staff and building supportive environments**

The Council welcomed a presentation from Dr Clare Mackenzie, Vice-Chair of the RCOG and recognised the importance of the issues raised. The Academy will be exploring this further in the Council Policy Day and the seminar being run by the Academy Trainee Group

### **Serious failings of care in Scotland**

The Council noted the recent publication of the report from the Scottish Academy "*Learning the Lessons from Serious Failings of Care in Scotland*" and agreed to work with the Scottish Academy on the issues which resonated across all four nations of the UK.

### **Regional devolution**

In the light of developments in NHS service devolution in England and the wider UK context the Council agreed to convene a small working group to seek to consider key issues and concerns and particularly what needs to be set nationally and what is suitable for devolution.

### **Metrics**

The Council noted work being undertaken on the development of metrics for GP practices in England and for CCGs by the Health Foundation and the Kings Fund respectively for the Secretary of State. The Academy is running a seminar for members to provide input to both reviews in September.

### **Private Members Bills on health issues**

The Council noted the forthcoming Private Members Bills on health related issues likely to come before Parliament in the next year including the Assisted Dying Bill. Colleges agreed to continue to oppose the Medical Innovation Bill if it remained unchanged.

### **Cost of clinical negligence claims**

The Council considered a report from the Medical Defence Union on the spiralling costs of clinical negligence claims and their impact on the NHS. Members shared their concerns and agreed to support the MDU campaign for changes to the current law.

### **Education and training**

The Council noted the launch of recent GMC consultations on Generic Professional Capabilities and Credentialing and agreed that there should be an Academy as well as individual College response to consultations.

The Council also noted that Colleges were progressing with work on the Shape of Training Mapping Exercise.

### **Revalidation workstreams**

The Council supported proposals for two workstreams within Revalidation on securing patient feedback and remediation.