



## Academy Council Meeting

### Summary of key issues

15 November 2016

#### Welcome and Introductions

The Council welcomed new Presidents Taj Hassan (Royal College of Emergency Medicine) and Asha Kasilwal (Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health) to their first meeting. The Council also welcomed the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine as a new member of the Academy and its President, Jason Payne-James, to the meeting.

The Council also thanked demitting members Maureen Baker RCGP and Anna Batchelor Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine for all their work for the Academy and wished them well.

#### Delivering sustainable health and care systems

The Council agreed a statement on delivering a sustainable health and care system. The statement recognised the need for more resources with a specific call for priority funding for social care; for improvements in efficiency and service delivery to be led and championed by clinicians and the need for a national conversation about sustainability of the health system. The full statement is available at <http://bit.ly/2gdTy6c>

#### Choosing Wisely

The Council welcomed the successful Academy launch of the Choosing Wisely campaign in October and agreed proposals for the next steps including encouraging implementation.

#### Informatics and the Digital Agenda

The Council agreed to establish a virtual network of College informatics/digital leads which will provide a forum for taking forward ideas and College views on the digital agenda

#### Specialised Commissioning

The Council heard from Dr Jonathan Fielden, Director of Specialised Commissioning and Deputy Medical Director of NHS England on developments in specialised commissioning and the work of STPs. Members expressed concern at the lack of clinical engagement with STPs so far and reiterated the need for involvement in the process. The Academy will continue to work closely with NHS England on the specialised commissioning agenda.

#### Working with NHS Improvement

The Council noted the work that has been done with NHS Improvement including a joint seminar held in September and approved proposals for further work and a joint statement of intent to work together.

## MTI

The Council noted a report on the newly agreed allocation of sponsorship places for the MTI scheme and proposals for a prioritisation scheme to ensure that allocations were made in line with the ethos of the scheme. The Council reiterated it's supported for the scheme recognising the contribution it made as a training experience for overseas doctors

## CQC review into how the NHS investigates deaths

The Council heard from Professor Sir Mike Richards, Chief Inspector of Hospitals, about the forthcoming CQC report into how the NHS investigates deaths. It was recognised that the intent of the review was about learning and not blame and it was agreed that the AoMRC/Colleges would continue to work closely with CQC on implementation of the report's recommendations and to arrange follow up meeting with Mike Richards following publication

## Gross Negligence Manslaughter

The Council considered a petition from a large number of clinicians calling for a review of the Gross Negligence Manslaughter legislation. The Council recognised that criminal sanctions are likely to lead to defensive practice and a lack of candour. There does also appear to be variation in practice and standards. However, as before, the Council was clear that clinicians should not be uniquely exempt from criminal prosecution. The issue alongside that of expert witnesses is being discussed at a separate meeting in November.

## Improving Lives – the Work, Health and Disability Green Paper

The Council noted and welcomed publication of the Green Paper and it was agreed that Richard Heron, President of the Faculty of Occupational Health would act as a conduit for College views and produce key messages for Colleges to use.

## GMC Consultation on developing the UK Medical Register

The outcome of a positive seminar with GMC was noted and proposals for next steps will be circulated to members.

## New Care Models Workforce Issues

The Council noted and agreed a programme of work with the New Care Models workforce Team.

## Drug Related Deaths in England and Wales

The Council noted and endorsed the principles of a paper from the Faculty of Public Health which called for a return to a policy based on harm reduction rather than enforced abstinence.

## Prevent Strategy

The Council noted the principles of a paper from the Faculty of Public Health which identified conflicts between Prevent Requirements and GMC Duties of a Doctor

## Academy Patient Lay Committee

The Council received a report from Peter Rees, Chair of the APLC on recent activity and their forthcoming seminar on 31 January

## Academy SAS Group

The Council received a report from Dr Kirstin May, Chair of the SAS Committee on the work of the Committee and the need for full College involvement.