

**Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare welcomed as new member of  
the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges**

The Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) became the twenty second and newest member of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges on 1 January 2015.

FSRH is a Faculty of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) and was established in 1993. The Faculty is a multi-disciplinary and cross specialty professional organisation with a current UK membership of more than 15,000 doctors and nurses working in general practice, specialist sexual & reproductive healthcare services (SRH), genitourinary medicine (GUM/HIV), obstetrics & gynaecology (O&G) and Public Health.

The Faculty's application to join the Academy was agreed unanimously by the Academy Council and Board of Trustees having met the criteria for membership.

The new Chair of the Academy Professor Dame Sue Bailey said

*"By definition, a new member joining the Academy is a fairly rare event. I am, therefore, particularly pleased to welcome the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare into membership of the Academy on the day I begin my term as Chair of the Academy.*

*The Faculty provides a clear and distinct voice for sexual and reproductive healthcare and has huge expertise in this increasingly important specialty.*

*The Academy speaks on standards of care and medical education across the UK by bringing together the expertise of medical Royal Colleges and Faculties. It is therefore really valuable to have the individual voice of sexual and reproductive healthcare around the Academy table alongside all our other specialties.*

*Whether we will be talking about the implementation of Five Year Forward View, the development of the Shape of Training proposals or other issues I know that we will welcome the input and experience of the FSRH.*

*I am sure that Chris Wilkinson and the FSRH will make an important contribution to the Academy and hope that we will be able to support them in their role of improving healthcare for patients"*

President of the FSRH, Dr Chris Wilkinson, said

*'Membership of the Academy is a significant and important step for the FSRH and for the standing and status of sexual and reproductive healthcare (SRH). The care our doctors and nurses provide ensures that women and men can plan their families, avoid unwanted or unplanned pregnancies and take care of all their sexual and reproductive health needs throughout their lives.*

*Good sexual and reproductive health is core to a healthy society and I am sure that the voice of SRH will be strengthened through membership of the Academy and we*

*look forward to being active and collaborative members of the 'family' of Royal Colleges and Faculties'.*

## NOTES

1. Details of the Academy can be found at [www.aomrc.org.uk](http://www.aomrc.org.uk) and the Faculty at [www.fsrh.org/default.asp](http://www.fsrh.org/default.asp)
2. The Academy currently has 21 members comprising the medical Royal Colleges and Faculties across the UK and Ireland
3. To become a member of the Academy requires the agreement of the Council and Board of Trustees. Applicant bodies have to meet a number of criteria including representing a clearly distinct and discrete specialty, having proper governance structures and officers and being financially independent