

Academy Council Meeting

Summary of key issues

9 February 2017

Welcome and Introductions

The Council welcomed Ellen O' Sullivan, Chair of the Forum of Irish Postgraduate Training Bodies to her first meeting as an observer to the Council

Election of Council Chair

Sue Bailey's term of office as Chair of the Academy Council ends in July and the Council endorsed the process and timetable for the election of a new chair. Candidates may be current or immediate past presidents of member organisations. Nominations are now being sought and a ballot, if required, will be held in March.

Delivering sustainable health and care systems

The Council had a detailed debate on the range of problems facing the NHS and how we deliver a sustainable health and care system. Members agreed on the need to distinguish between immediate current problems and long term solutions and to be able to articulate clear College views particularly around NHS workforce and funding. The Academy will hope to collate these views from members so we have a clear narrative for Government. The Council agree to support discussion with other key national organisations about how to take forward the debate.

Choosing Wisely

The Council noted an update on Choosing Wisely including proposals on how to test proposals in a small number of trusts.

Cost of Training

The Council considered a report of the work being undertaken by HEE arising out of the junior doctors' dispute on improving training. The Council agreed to produce a statement of Colleges' commitment to the principle of transparency over the costs of training and exams whilst also telling a positive story about College training in general. The Academy Trainee Group has also undertaken an extensive exercise for the Group looking at the overall costs of training.

The Council also agreed to investigate the feasibility of securing tax relief for exams in all specialties and not just some as at present.

Brexit

The Council considered an update on developments in respect of healthcare following Brexit. The key issues remained over workforce, science and research and public health although there was no real greater clarity over any of the issues.

Flexible Careers Committee

The Council agreed to continue to support the work of the cross- College Flexible Careers Committee for a further three years.

Mental Capacity Act

Members had a useful presentation from Baroness Ilora Finlay on the lack of understanding of the Mental Capacity Act and the need for better non legalistic training with a greater clinical practice focus.

Global Healthcare Capabilities

The Council was pleased to endorse work being undertaken out of the Academy Trainee Group on developing a curriculum and capabilities for understanding global health issues.

NHS Tariff – Outpatient Services

The Council considered a response received from NHS England and NHS Improvement to its letter of concern about changes to the tariff for outpatient services. It was agreed to take up the offer of a meeting which would involve RCGP, RCOph, RCPL and a representative from the patient group.

Addiction Services

The Council welcomed an initiative from the Royal College of Psychiatrists on the clear problems of decline and lack of funding for addiction services. It was agreed that RCPsych, FPH, FSRH, FPH, FFLM and RCPE would work together on statements on the specific issues of addiction services and the wider issue of clinical governance of services commissioned outside of usual NHS channels.

Education and Training

The Council received an update from education lead, Jane Dacre President RCPL. The Council considered a range of issues relating to education and training and agreed to ask Ian Cumming and Wendy Reid, the Chief Executive and Medical Director of HEE, to attend the next Council meeting.

Quality Improvement

Academy Quality Lead Liam Brennan, President RCoA, reported on the new project on taking forward recommendations from the Academy Report *Training for Better Outcomes*.

Academy Patient Lay Committee

The Council received a report from Derek Prentice, Vice Chair of the APLC on their successful seminar held 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 forthcoming document on SAS doctor development. The Council agreed to have a specific discussion on support for SAS doctors at the next meeting.