

ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING – 9 July 2013

Summary of key issues

Welcome and thanks

The Council welcomed Cliff Mann, President of the College of Emergency Medicine.

The Council expressed its sincere thanks to Jane Barrett, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, who will demit office in September for all her work on the Council and for the Academy as a whole. The Council also thanked Howard Ryland, the Academy Clinical Fellow, who was returning to clinical practice for his work for the Academy.

Council elections

The Council noted the elections of JP Van-Besouw, President of the RCoA, as Vice Chair of the Council and Tony Falconer, President of the RCOG, as Academy Treasurer/Secretary.

CQC

David Behan, Chief Executive of CQC spoke to the Council about the CQC's consultation on standards, ratings, surveillance and inspection. CQC was looking to Colleges for assistance in developing and assuring metrics, providing quality assured experts to take part in visits and to use College audit material to provide assurance and avoid CQC duplication.

The Council welcomed the vision for CQC but stressed the need to avoid duplication of inspection and for there to be reciprocity in acceptance of data. It was also essential to find a solution to the issue of release time for clinicians. The Academy Officers will meet with CQC to agree how to take forward these work areas.

Academy Seven Day Consultant Present Care Project

The Council noted the progress on the second phase of the Academy's project led by Professor Norman Williams (RCSEng). The work is closely aligned with the NHS England Seven Day Working project. It was recognised that effective implementation of seven day consultant present care will have resource implications.

Francis Report

The Council approved the Academy action plan to take forward relevant recommendations from the Francis report. In essence this work will be embedded into existing workstreams under the three headline themes of standards of delivery of clinical care, standards of delivery of education and training and the quality improvement responsibilities of individual doctors.

Urgent and Emergency Care

The Council considered recent papers from the Emergency Care Review. It was recognised this was a crisis issue across the four nations. The Council agreed this

should be the subject of detailed discussion at the Council policy day in September.

Clinical Outcome Data

The Council noted the recent publication of clinical outcome data of individual surgeons and recognised that NHS England was expecting this to spread to all specialties. The Council recognised the difficulties involved and agreed to seek some common principles to apply across specialties when publishing outcome data.

Information and Technology

The Council endorsed a first draft of an Academy report on the clinical vision for information and technology which was being produced for the Secretary of State. It was also noted that NHS England is seeking to establish clinical advisory groups on information and technology through the Colleges.

Obesity

The Council agreed that there should be a continuing campaign on obesity following the successful Academy report earlier in the year. This would require significant resources and it was agreed to put together a bid for major funding.

College international work

The Council agreed a proposal from the International Forum for a business development programme to support College international activity to be funded through the International Forum Bilateral Fund.

The Accountable Clinician - “The Name over the Bed”

The Council welcomed the fact that the Secretary of State had asked the Academy to run a seminar for him on how to implement his proposals to have a clearly accountable clinician for all patients with the “Name over the Bed”.

Migrant access to NHS Services -“Sustaining Services, Securing Access”

The Council agreed that the response to the current consultation in England should comprise a short statement of the principles that doctors’ professional concern is for the health of the patient. They should not therefore be expected to act as “immigration agents” and no-one should be denied access to emergency treatment.

Revalidation

The Council received an up-date on current developments and endorsed two Academy reports on remediation and the principles for College invited reviews.

Academy Policy Day

The Council agreed that the topics for discussion at its “Policy Day” in September would be Urgent and Emergency Care; Providing a clear voice for the medical profession; What Patient Centred Care really means and how to pay for work for the benefit of the wider NHS. The Trustees’ annual member meeting will also take place

Meeting with Professor David Haslam, Chairman of NICE

At the close of the meeting members had a useful meeting with Professor David Haslam, Chairman of NICE who set out the key challenges and issues for NICE. David emphasised the importance of good links with the Colleges