

ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING – 1 November 2012

Summary of key issues

Welcomes and thanks

Keith Bragman and Andy Heeps were welcomed to the Council as the new President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine and the Chair of the Academy Trainee Doctors Group respectively.

The Council expressed its appreciation to Iona Health (President RCGP), David Tolley (President, RCS Edinburgh), Richard Tiner (President, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine) and Damian Roland (Chair, Academy Trainee Doctors Group) who were all stepping down from the Council.

Academy Seven Day Consultant Present Care Project

The Council endorsed an executive summary of the Academy Seven Day Consultant Present Care Project. The Steering Group chaired by Professor Norman Williams, President of the Royal College of Surgeons (England) has agreed a series of standards which should underpin the provision of consultant present hospital services seven days a week for the purposes of quality and safety of care. The full final report is due to be published in December.

Academy Obesity Working Group

The Council endorsed the ten key recommendations proposed by the Academy Obesity Working Group for their final report. The Group has been working since the spring. It has received submissions from over 100 organisations, held a number of oral evidence sessions and run consultative fringe meetings at the three main party conferences. A final draft of the report is to be considered by the Working Group at the end of November and, following Council sign off, be published in the new year.

Academy Reconfiguration Project

The Council agreed a proposal for a joint project between the Academy, the NHS Confederation and National Voices. Recognising the growing consensus that change is needed to take advantage of modern healthcare techniques, meet the needs of an older population, and enable the NHS to live within its means the joint work will assess what change is necessary and why, the benefits to the public and how risks might be managed, the barriers that have hampered change and how they might be overcome and the principles that should govern any proposals, including the role of the public and clinicians. This joint work will provide practical advice on the implementation of service change, looking at where reform has gone well and where it has not. It is intended to publish a joint report in June 2013.

Seminars on Secretary of State Priorities

The Academy has been asked by the Secretary of State to arrange a series of small briefing seminars on his four identified priority areas of dementia, long term

conditions management, caring and mortality outcomes. The seminars will have primarily but not exclusively a medical focus and provide a range of expert opinion for the Secretary of State on how to take forward his priority areas.

RCGP Reports on Generalism and General practice 2022

The Council received reports on the on-going work flowing from the RCGP report on Medical Generalism published earlier in the year and their consultation "Better Care for Patients: General Practice 2022". In both cases the RCGP was keen to receive further input from other Colleges and the Council was happy to support both initiatives.

Core clinical headings for electronic patient records

The Council endorsed the RCP (London) publication setting out proposed standards for core clinical headings for electronic patient records that has been developed with wide consultation as part of the DH funded Records Standards Programme.

"Getting it right first time" Improving the quality of Orthopaedic care

The Council welcomed the publication of a report from Professor Timothy Briggs of the British Orthopaedic Association on improving the quality of orthopaedic care.

Children and Young Persons Outcomes Forum

The Council endorsed proposals for taking forward cross-College work arising out of the Government's Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum.

Academy Patient Liaison Group survey of patient/lay involvement in Colleges

Council welcomed the findings of a survey from the Patient Liaison Group which set out the differing levels of patient/lay involvement across Colleges. It was recognised that this would be useful to inform College thinking on patient involvement.

Clinical Commissioning

The Council noted that the Department of Health was supportive of the proposal for an Academy Commissioning Advice Centre but that final confirmation of details had not been received.

Revalidation

Dr Tony Falconer, the Academy Revalidation Lead, updated the Council on developments in revalidation including the following the Secretary of State's go-ahead of revalidation.

Council Policy day

The Council considered a report from its successful policy day in September and agreed to develop a programme of actions for consideration at the next meeting.

Council members meeting with Department of Health and ACCEA

Following the formal meeting, the Council met with Gavin Larner from the Department of Health to discuss the forthcoming Francis report on Mid Staffordshire Hospitals and Dr David Lindsell, Medical Director of ACCEA to discuss possible arrangements for Clinical Excellence Awards in 2013.