

ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING – 24 APRIL 2018

Summary of key issues

Welcome and Introductions

The Council welcomed Russell Viner, President of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health to the Council.

Carrie MacEwen thanked Mike Lavelle-Jones, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, for hosting the Council meeting at his College and his hospitality at the Council dinner the previous evening. Guests from the Scottish NHS and Government were welcomed to the Council.

NHS Developments in Scotland

The Council received presentations on various aspects of healthcare policy and current developments in Scotland from

- Catherine Calderwood, Scottish CMO
- Denise Coia, Chair Health Improvement Scotland
- Rowan Parks, Deputy Medical Director NHS Education Scotland
- John Colvin and Karen Lindsay, Scottish Government Professional Compliance Analysis Tool Project

The Chair stressed the importance to the Academy of understanding and learning from developments to ensure it did act as a UK-wide body.

Workforce Strategy

Following the submission of the Academy response to the Workforce Strategy, it was agreed to seek further discussions with HEE on the need for robust evidence based workforce projections for future requirements.

RightCare

The Council received a presentation from Matthew Cripps on the NHS England Rightcare Programme. The Council expressed its support for the aims of Rightcare but stressed the need for linkage across the range of similar initiatives.

Value Interventions

The Council agreed to support the principles of the NHS England Value Interventions Programme and continue engagement with the programme, recognising it is for individual Colleges to consider whether the specific specialty proposals should be supported.

European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)

The Council endorsed proposals to work with the BMA to review and revise the arrangements for the appointment and accountability of representatives to UEMS.

Wales Academy

It was noted that there were mixed views from the responses received on the future of the Wales Academy but there was unanimous support for the principle of there being a Wales Academy. Further thought will be given to a sustainable funding model. In the meantime, AMRCW will hold meetings open to all and discussion to be held with the Wales CMO about potential support. The position to be reviewed in six months with a clear recommendation on future viability and structure

Learning from Winter

The Council endorsed a proposal from Taj Hassan, President of the RCEM on learning the lessons from Winter and agreed to present the report to NHS England Medical Director, Steve Powis.

Genomics

It was recognised that it was important for Colleges to engage with this agenda to ensure that there was genuine clinical input and buy-in for the development of genomics. It was agreed that College Presidents would meet with their Genomics champions and talk through the issues and questions relating to College engagement.

Brexit

The Council noted the report from Alan Boyd, President of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine, on medicines regulation and the call for members encouraged to contact their counterpart European professional bodies to urge for continued close alignment for the UK with EMA.

The Council also congratulated the Faculty of Public Health for its “Do No Harm” amendment to EU Withdrawal Bill and offered its support.

Academy SAS Doctors Group

The Council received a report of the very successful Academy SAS Doctors Conference held on 23 April and congratulated Kirstin May and colleagues on the event.

Digital agenda

The Council agreed to support a proposal for a joint survey with the PRSB of doctors on digital problems and good practice.

ACCEA Platinum Awards Process 2018

The Council reviewed the 2018 Platinums awards process run by the Academy in the light of comments received from Colleges. The process had generally gone smoothly and the Council agreed some minor changes to the arrangements.

Academy Vice-Chair elections

It was noted that the current Vice-Chairs, Jane Dacre and Liam Brennan, both demit office in September. It was therefore agreed to bring forward the timetable for the election of new Vice-Chairs to allow more time for handover and “shadowing”.