



Academy Council meeting Summary of key issues

Welcomes, introductions and farewells

The Council thanked to Maggie Rae (FPH) and Ronan O Connell (RCSI) for all their contributions to the Council as this was their final meeting.

Council welcomed to Professor Andrew Eder, new Chair of the Academy Board of Trustees. Andrew introduced himself and looked forward to engaging with Council members.

Academy Leadership Changes

As well as the new Chair of Trustees, Council noted that Alastair Henderson, CEO, had announced that he would be retiring in March 2023. It was also noted that the two current vice-chairs, Jeanette Dickson and Eddie Morris would be demitting office this year and that Helen Stokes-Lampard completes her term as chair in July 2023.

Ukraine

The Academy has supported aid efforts for Ukraine and reiterated its willingness to be involved in appropriate support initiatives.

State of the NHS

Council recognised the unprecedented pressures on the NHS currently. It was agreed that the Academy would prepare a plan of actions that could be taken collectively to raise the concerns and present solutions.

Health Disparities

Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy, DCMO in England for Health Improvement was welcomed to the Council for an introductory session in her role as DCMO in England with responsibility for health disparities. She spoke of her wish to engage with Colleges on the whole agenda and, specifically, in relation to the forthcoming Health Disparities White Paper.

NICE

The Council welcomed the NICE CEO, Dr Sam Roberts, and Interim Chief Medical Officer, Dr Gail Allsopp, who spoke about NICE's priorities for coming year and how they want full engagement with Colleges and the Academy. Members welcomed the engagement to date with the NICE Chief Medical Officer and looked forward to close working.

Consultant Appointment Advisory Committees (AACs)

Council considered several issues in relation to AACs. It strongly supported recent moves by the RCS Edinburgh to ensure that the Scottish based colleges and colleges not covered by the original regulations are included. The Academy has written to the Health Minister in support. We will also discuss wider issues around AACs with NHS Employers to make them as effective as possible.

SAS

Council agreed two further papers from the SAS Committee in their suite of excellent guidance documents. These were on SAS and mentoring and SAS as Educators. They will appear on the Academy website shortly.

Implementing clinical guidance

Council considered the issue of the increasing volume of clinical guidance being produced nationally and the difficulty of getting cut through with ever-busier clinicians. It was agreed, that whilst there were probably no easy solutions, it would be worth seeking to facilitate a discussion with relevant national bodies on the issues.

Sepsis

Council was pleased to endorse new guidance produced for the Academy by the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine and led by Professor Julian Bion. This will be published shortly and circulated.

Personalised Outpatients Programme

Council expressed its support in principle for the NHSE programme on Personalised Outpatients Programme (POP). It was felt to be the right direction of travel and an important part of service redesign. However there are several risks which need to be avoided and a need to ensure proper patient and GP involvement and easy access back into the system for patients who do not have follow-up appointments.

Education and Training update

Jeanette Dickson, Academy Vice-Chair and Education Lead reported on differential attainment, ED&I assessment of remote exams, Foundation and SAC review. Council agreed to look at how Colleges can have greater involvement in the Foundation Programme at the next meeting.

MTI

Council noted a proposed review of the MTI scheme from the four UK statutory education bodies. Whilst the Academy's internal review had addressed a number of issues, the engagement and support of the SEBs was considered as a positive development.

Flexible Careers

It was agreed that work of the Academy Flexible Careers Committee , currently being undertaken by the RCP, would be brought within the Academy from next year. The flexible working agenda is becoming increasingly important across specialties.

Update reports

The Council noted a series of reports updating on developments on:

- The Health and Care Bill
- Evidence Based Interventions Programme – Wave Three
- Academy Genomics work