



Academy Council meeting

Summary of key issues

Welcomes, introductions and farewells

The Chair introduced Dr Jeanette Dickson as Chair Designate, noting that the formal handover would take place at the end of the meeting.

Update on the Covid-19 Public Inquiry

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry is now underway, with the initial oral hearings focusing on module one, the UK's pandemic preparedness. Alastair Henderson is supporting the Academy's response to the Inquiry. The Academy has previously submitted written evidence for module one, which noted staffing concerns that the preparations were too narrow. Kevin Fenton provided an update on FPH's experience of providing oral evidence to the Inquiry and shared a number of insights and tips for those preparing and delivering evidence. A number of other Colleges and Faculties have received Rule 9 requests.

Clinician research credential framework (AoMRC and RCP)

Rebecca Selman, Joint Head of Education Development and Delivery provided a presentation on the CRCF.

Policy Day

Jeanette and Max shared their initial thinking about plans for the annual policy day, suggesting a different approach to previous years. The emphasis will be very much on shaping the political landscape ahead of the General Election and exploring the future role of Royal Colleges and Faculties. To help with this process it was agreed that college policy leads should be invited to attend the event online.

Industrial action — verbal update

Based on the confidential paper that had been circulated in advance, Council discussed a range of key issues including exit strategies 'keeping the profession together' concerns about training time, and feedback from individual specialties.

NHS Long-term workforce plan

Council members offered some initial assessments of the plan from particular specialties. There was a particular focus on how the £2.4bn funding might be best utilised. It was noted that it was important that we have finally reached a point where a workforce plan has been published, that a number of our suggestions have been incorporated, and that we should look to see how we can support its implementation. While there are concerns about the lack of detail in key areas, there was a sense that this provides us with an opportunity to shape the future. This is something that we will return to over the coming months.

Adult social care statement

Council approved the draft statement agreeing that we should publish a short media-friendly statement, with supported material which can be adapted and supplemented by individual Colleges and Faculties. The statement will form part of our wider work to influence party manifestos ahead of the General Election.

Workforce update

Fiona Donald provided an update on the first workforce committee meeting and noted that the priority will be to develop a workplan for the committee.

SAS paper

Council approved the SAS committee's paper on the role of SAS doctors as trainers.

Education and Training update

Mike McKirdy provided an update on the work of the Education and Training Committee. There was discussion about examination costs and alternative routes of registration — CESR. If you have any additional comments about either issue, please email john-paul.mattar@aomrc.org.uk.

Update reports

Council noted the following reports:

- Genomics
- Evidence-based Interventions (EBI).

Major conditions strategy for children and young people

RCPCH and FPH have co-authored a paper which underlines the importance of investing in prevention and child health, which will underpin the development of a CYP major conditions strategy. Council endorsed the paper, which will now be published shortly by the Academy.

Handover of the Chair of the Academy

Helen formally handed over the Chair of the Academy to Jeanette and there were speeches from Steve Powis and Andrew Eder thanking Helen for her contribution to the Academy over the last three years.