

ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING – 30 January 2013

Summary of key issues

Welcomes and thanks

Mike Pringle (President RCGP) and Frank Dunn (President RCPSG) were welcomed to their first meetings.

The Council expressed its sincere thanks to Sol Mead who was standing down as Chair of the Academy Patient Liaison Group for all his work on the Council and for the Academy as a whole. The Council recognised the crucial importance of patient/lay views and had appreciated his input.

Academy Seven Day Consultant Present Care Project

The Council was pleased with the impact already made by the Academy Seven Day Consultant Present Care report which was launched in December. The Council endorsed the proposal for a second stage of the project that would look at resource requirements, primary care and training implications.

Academy Obesity Working Group

The Council endorsed the final report of the Academy Obesity Working Group "Measuring up: The medical profession's prescription for the nation's obesity crisis". The report will be launched at the House of Commons on 25 February.

Francis Report

The Council noted that the Francis report on the failings at Mid Staffordshire Trust was due to be published on 6 February. It was recognised that this was going to be a significant event with the recommendations likely to have a far reaching impact on the NHS. The Council agreed a statement to be released on the publication of the report and noted that the Academy had organised a seminar for Colleges and others on 23 April to consider how they might take forward the relevant recommendations.

Shape of Training Review

The Council endorsed the Academy's response to the Shape of Training review which had incorporated comments from all Colleges and Faculties. The Council recognised the importance of the Review and the need for strong College input.

It was agreed that training must deliver doctors fit for the purpose and service in which they will work. Key points of the Academy's response included the need for and development of more trained consultant "generalists"; training being capability/competence and outcomes based; increasing involvement of patients, lay members and trainees in the design, delivery and evaluation of education and training; more robust selection and recruitment practices for candidates entering into medical practice and other competitive stages of entry into training; "Seven day training" to match seven day service; all trainee doctors having a broad base to

training and making “Every Moment Count” through ensuring that service delivery activity provides genuinely experiential learning.

The full response will be available on the Academy website after 8 February

Academy Project on Reshaping Services

The Council noted progress on the joint project between the Academy, the NHS Confederation and National Voices to identify the principles and good practice that should underpin any proposals for the reshaping or reconfiguration of services. Initial interviews with stakeholders were underway to be followed by a wider seminar on 22 March. A final report is to be published in the early summer.

International Volunteering

The Council endorsed a statement on the value of international volunteering and how it can be facilitated drawn up by the Academy International Forum

EU Competences in Health

The Council noted the Government consultation on the extent of EU competence on health issues and a report of a recent Academy seminar on the topic. Whilst recognising the importance of College/Medical responses not being used for political purposes it was agreed there should be an Academy response which pulled together common themes from College submissions.

NHS Change Day

The Council endorsed a Trainee led proposal for “NHS Change Day” to be held on 13 March encouraging individual NHS staff to pledge to a specific action to improve services on that day. Details can be found at <http://bit.ly/XB38y9>

“Better Contracts: Better Care”

The Council noted the publication of the DDRB report on CEAs and the consultant contract and NHS Employers report on the junior doctors’ contract as well as the constructive Ministerial event on 29 January. Whilst detailed negotiation was not a College responsibility the Council agreed it was important to input to the discussion and seek to ensure that that clinical, educational and research activity was properly recognised in local awards.

CPD Guidance framework

The Council endorsed a new CPD Guidance Framework produced by the Academy Directors of CPD Committee which provides guidance to appraisers on what they should be considering when reviewing a doctor’s Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activity, and guidance to doctors on the things that they should expect to be discussed during an effective appraisal meeting. The document is available through Colleges and on the Academy website.

Academy SAS Committee representation on Council

Recognising the importance of SAS doctors both in the delivery of services and within Colleges the Council agreed that the Chair of the Academy SAS Committee