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Welcome

This is the first edition of a regular update, highlighting the focus, aims and achievements of the National School of Occupational Health.

Professor Elizabeth Hughes | Lead PG Dean for Occupational Medicine, HEE

"This is an exciting and innovative development that gives an unrivalled opportunity to deliver high quality multi-disciplinary training in Occupational Health."

Dr Lisa Bayliss-Pratt | Director of Nursing, HEE



"It has been a pleasure to have been involved in the establishment of a National School of Occupational Medicine, which will no doubt raise the profile of this important speciality.

The aims and ambitions of the School's creators align well with HEE's overall mission to ensure that the workforce has the right skills, behaviours and training and is available in the right numbers, to support the delivery of excellent healthcare and drive improvement.

I am particularly looking forward to working with colleagues at the school on the creation of community of learning which is intended to support both trainers and Trainees. This I believe offers a great opportunity to explore multi-professional opportunity within the context of the wider occupational health agenda."

Professor John Harrison | Head of National School of Occupational Health



"This is a really exciting time for occupational medicine and occupational health.

This and subsequent generations of occupational health practitioners will be able to benefit from the creation of new organisations that will provide leadership and a common voice. The National School will address the pressing issue of recruiting and training the occupational health workforce of the future."

Dr Ian Aston | Academic Dean, Faculty of Occupational Medicine



"The start of a National School for occupational medicine is a very exciting event.

It is an opportunity to raise the quality of medical education in our speciality; we all must take this opportunity for the further development of our speciality to deliver better advice to our patients!"

Dr Rae-Wen Chang | National Trainee Representative

"I envisage the new National School of Occupational Health will create a community of learning for registrars across the UK.

This can be achieved by providing learning opportunities that can be accessed across regional boundaries. Being a small specialty operating in diverse worksites is a strength if we can network effectively and share our experiences in Industry, NHS and Military positions."

Introduction

The launch of the National School of Occupational Health is the result of an exciting and successful collaboration between Health Education England (HEE) and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine. Its launch provides a timely opportunity to review arrangements for education and training in Occupational Medicine nationally. The School will expand over coming months to include the training of other professions involved in the delivery of occupational health services.

These changes form part of an action plan that was submitted to the General Medical Council (GMC) in response to its inspection in 2012 of training arrangements in occupational medicine. The action plan was developed by the Faculty of Occupational Medicine and was accepted by the GMC, giving the Faculty a mandate to implement changes. Subsequently, a proposal to establish the national school for occupational health was accepted by Health Education England.

As a part of the agreed phased approach to the creation of the National School, in the first year the focus is on Occupational Medicine.

The proposed model for the School builds on the existing London/Kent Surrey Sussex School of Occupational Medicine model with close working relationships between the lead Local Education and Training Board hosting the School of Occupational Medicine, Health Education North West London (HENWL), and the Faculty of Occupational Medicine.

The School will be launched in August 2014.

The purpose of the School will be to quality manage the provision of training in occupational medicine in England in order to ensure and assure the interpretation and delivery of the national curriculum for occupational medicine.

The vision of the School's is one of world class training and education in occupational medicine and occupational health to sustain and develop an occupational health workforce for the benefit of working people.

The School will be a national leader promoting excellence and innovation in occupational health training, promoting a community of learning where trainers and trainees work collectively to achieve the aims of the School.

This initiative has already commenced with a single national recruitment process for England, with Wales also participating. Scotland, Northern Ireland and the defence deanery will continue to run their own separate systems for the time being but are keeping a watching brief on these developments.

As we move towards this, we will be engaging with a wide group of stakeholders including Health Education England, the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Postgraduate Deans, trainers and trainees, providing regular briefings about progress.

Coming soon!



- the next round of National Recruitment begins September 2014
- the Annual National Conference takes place on 26 September 2014

We welcome your feedback and any questions you may have. Please contact us via NationalSchoolOccHealth@nwl.hee.nhs.uk