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## Hellos and Goodbyes

### KEY APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce the following appointments and reappointments:

**Dr Alan Bray** has been appointed as Director of Assessment, taking over from David McLoughlin with immediate effect.

**Dr Nicholas Cooper** and **Dr Matt Lewis** have been reappointed as Deputy Director of Assessment and Chief Examiner DAvMed respectively, for a second term of up to three years, their initial three year terms in these roles coming to an end on 1 November.

Our thanks go to **Dr David McLoughlin**, who as outgoing Director of Assessment has made an extremely valuable contribution over the last three years in this post and as a member of the Executive Committee.

### FACULTY STAFF

The Faculty is delighted to welcome on board new members of the staff team. We are very excited about the new appointments. **Leigh Harrison** started on 12 October as our Communications Assistant, [leigh.harrison@fom.ac.uk](mailto:leigh.harrison@fom.ac.uk). In addition, we have two members of the Professional Standards team joining on 19 October. **Rachel Richardson** takes up the new post of Examinations and Training Manager, and **Alexandra Edwards** will report to Rachel Richardson as our Examinations and Training Co-Ordinator.

I hope you will join me in thanking outgoing members of the Faculty team, who

have made a huge contribution and have been marvellous and committed colleagues. **Siobhan Wheeler** finishes her tenure as Examinations Manager today and **Bartosz Szafranski** will shortly be moving on from his Training Manager role. Our heartfelt thanks and good wishes go to them both. We shall miss their dedication and good humour.

Finally, we are welcoming the new Executive Secretary and Office Manager post-holder, **Sophia Greaves**, to the Faculty on 26 October. Sophia's role amalgamates the roles of Head of Governance and Executive Secretary. **Frances Quinn**, who officially left last month, is stepping down at the end of October, and I'd like to extend huge personal thanks to her for her tireless support and help, as well as a sincere thank you on behalf of the FOM.

I hope many of you will have the opportunity of meeting the team soon.

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## SEQOHS Clinical Lead vacancy

Continuing on with the theme of change, an exciting opportunity to contribute directly to the Faculty's Quality Improvement agenda awaits! Applications are invited for the SEQOHS Clinical Lead role. This is an important appointment, as we seek an Occupational Physician to help us take the flourishing SEQOHS service through to its next phase of development. For information about the role and how to apply, please visit the [vacancies page](#) on the Faculty website.

**The deadline for applications is 6 Novemeber.**

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## HHP Advanced Training Skills – Updates on Mental Disorders – 11 November

There are a limited number of places still available on the Health for Health Professionals [Advanced training skills – Updates on mental disorders](#) seminar on **Wednesday, 11 November in Cardiff**. While this event is being run as part of the wider Health for Health Professionals programme, it should be noted that it is open to all, including those who have not yet attended the HHP core competency training day.

The training day, run in partnership with Cardiff University, will focus on updates on mental disorders, and will feature speakers on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, researchers presenting recent studies on bipolar and work and disclosure, and sessions on multiple sclerosis and epilepsy. The event will provide participants with an invaluable opportunity to hear from some of the leading researchers and authorities in their field, as well as from current research students.

The Faculty has reserved a limited number of rooms at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Cardiff on 10 November; to book a room at a discounted rate, please call the hotel on 029 2045 4777 and quote "Faculty of Occupational Medicine".

Please follow the link above to find more information about the day and to secure your place.

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## PBD – Personality Disorders – 24 November

The Faculty will be holding a repeat of the popular professional briefing day on personality disorders on **Tuesday, 24 November at the Faculty's office in central London**. The day will again be run by Dr Frank Gallagher, an occupational physician and Fellow of the Faculty, and Professor Conor Duggan of Nottingham University, and will feature case studies and discussion presented by consultant psychiatrists Dr Guy Roberts and Dr Laura Pearse.

The previous personality disorders PBD was extremely well received by the delegates, with overwhelmingly positive feedback for all aspects of the day, and we are grateful to Dr Gallagher, Professor Duggan, Dr Pearse and Dr Roberts for agreeing to repeat the workshop.

The workshop has been advertised to members who previously expressed an interest in attending a repeat session, but there are still a limited number of spaces available. You can register to attend the PBD through the Faculty website's [online booking form](#).

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## CESR Coaching Day – 15 January 2016

The Faculty will be running a Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) Coaching Day on **Friday, 15 January 2016 at the Faculty's office in central London**. The day, which will run from 11.30-16.30, is aimed at Faculty Associates and others wanting to learn more about the requirements for applying for entry onto the GMC Specialist Register through the [CESR \(Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration\)](#) route.

The coaching day, run jointly by the Faculty and the General Medical Council, will provide delegates with a step by step guide to the CESR application process and the GMC requirements. Delegates will also see examples of applications and have the opportunity to put their questions to the GMC. You can register to attend the CESR Coaching Day through the Faculty website's [online booking form](#).

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With best wishes



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Chief Executive

