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## Governance Consultation Deadline

I would like to wish you all a happy Easter, and hope you have a wonderful time this weekend.

Today is the last day for getting your thoughts and comments about the initial proposed governance changes to me. Please send all comments to **Judith.Willetts@fom.ac.uk**. These will be available to members online on Wednesday 30th March, prior to the Board meeting on 6th April.

To read the proposal, please first log into the Faculty website and then follow this link: **<http://www.fom.ac.uk/document-library>**. The document in question is named 'Governance Consultation Document', and can be found directly underneath the page's introductory paragraph.

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## NHS OH Survey—Deadline 31 March

I'm sure you'll already be aware of our survey which aims to assess the need for future training posts in occupational medicine. If not, its aim is simple: we are trying to map the number of OH Physician sessions provided to the NHS, because we are concerned that Health Education England may be basing decisions upon incorrect data about current NHS OH Physician manpower i.e. underestimating it.

**So far the response rate to the survey is only 25%, and we would really like to encourage you to respond to the survey if you have not done so already. It is important that you reply, so that we can have some assurance of the completeness of our survey information. Therefore please reply even if you do not currently work in the NHS. The survey will only take less than a minute if you don't work in the NHS, and about 5-10 minutes if you do work sessions for the NHS.**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DG9VTQT>**

Many thanks, we look forward to sharing a summary of the survey results with members in due course.

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## PBD—Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Yesterday saw the FOM office come alive as we hosted another successful Professional Briefing Day, this time on fitness assessments for vehicle operation. Incorporating '**Planes, Trains & Automobiles**', the day was varied and informative, covering many aspects of these varied industries.

Delegates were invited to learn more about the processes of fitness assessment and the scientific background to guidance and legislation, alongside in-depth case study discussion and lively Q&A sessions.

I would like to thank our speakers **Dr Sally Roblin** and **Wg Cdr David Mallett** and extend extra gratitude to **Dr Tim Carter**, who stepped in at the last minute to speak in the place of **Dr Wyn Parry**, who was unfortunately not able to join us.

A full writeup of the day is on the **FOM website** now.

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## Supervised Learning Events / DOPS

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On April 25th the recently piloted Workplace Based Assessment tools will be launched. Further reminders relating to the introduction of the newly redesigned SLE forms will be sent nearer the time and trainees and trainers will be contacted in due course with detailed guidance concerning how and when the new forms should be used.

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## CPD Certificates Now Digital

Just a short reminder: if you require a certificate of your annual CPD activities you'll now need to use the online CPD diary, PReP, to obtain one; over the last couple of years we have moved across to the e-portfolio, and are no longer able to accept paper CPD returns.

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## GMC CPD Learning App

I'm sure you'll be familiar with the challenges of maintaining your CPD amid a pressured work schedule. Opportunities for learning happen every day, though we don't always have time to note them down, never mind reflect on them.

The GMC's free app '**GMC My CPD**' lets you keep a record of your learning on the go. As long as you have your phone or tablet close by, you'll be able to note points of learning and reflections, quickly and easily, there and then.

It's easy to download a report of your activities too, so you can export your records onto your appraisal / revalidation system. For more information please see the **GMC website**.

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## Medical Fitness to Drive Survey—Reminder

We've teamed up with the National Programme Office for Traffic Medicine (Ireland) and the Irish FOM to carry out a survey of the opinion of occupational physicians on medical fitness to drive with a number of mental health conditions and alcohol dependence and abuse.

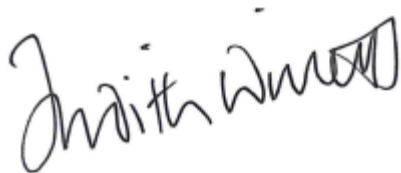
Given the slender evidence base upon which to support decision-making, we are trying to tap into the collective wisdom of expert clinicians, who in general try to balance mobility and safety in due proportion, given the importance of driving as a central aspect of modern life.

A short **SurveyMonkey** has been created to gather your thoughts on the matter. The survey should take less than 5 minutes and all responses are anonymous. Responses will be accepted until **Monday 4th April 2016**, and we are very grateful in advance for your participation in this project which will help to inform practice.

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With best wishes



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Chief Executive

