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Welcome to the FOM Newsletter.

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Appointments

Applications are being sought for the following roles:

SEQOHS Clinical Lead: Now that SEQOHS, the accreditation system for occupational health services, has completed its development phase and is becoming fully established, a new governance structure is being put into place and a key part of this is making an appointment to the substantive post of [Clinical Lead](#).

Trainee Representative on the Board: As Dr Clare Piper stands down from the Board, since she is shortly to complete her specialist training, the Faculty is seeking nominations from trainees for the [Trainee Representative on the Board](#).

CPD - retrospective submissions

In response to recent requests from several members to submit CPD returns for multiple years, the Executive Committee has reconsidered its position to restrict CPD submissions to the previous calendar year only. The Faculty will now process submissions for more than one previous year; the fee for each year's late submission is £60. Members are advised that such submissions will be subject to audit. All CPD returns should be sent to:

angela.burnett@facocmed.ac.uk or cpd@facocmed.ac.uk.

RCN Honorary Fellowship for occupational physician

Dr Steve Boorman FFOM, who led the recent Government review into the health and wellbeing of NHS staff, has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Royal College of Nursing. RCN commended Steve Boorman for pushing forward 'the frontiers of health working environments for employees in both the private and public sectors' and referred to his review as being recognised 'as one of the most important undertakings for the mutual benefit of staff and patients across the NHS'.

Our congratulations go to Steve on this award.

Steve Boorman will be speaking at the Faculty's conference:

[Getting back to work: what works?](#) on 12 September 2011 in London.

Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians, London

The Faculty is pleased to announce that the following members have been awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of London:

Malcolm Braithwaite, David Brown, Dudley Bruton, Sally Coomber, Mike Gibson, Richard Preece and Sue Turner.

GMC issues guidance on colleague and patient questionnaires for revalidation

The General Medical Council has recently produced a series of checklists for those who will be involved in commissioning, developing and administering colleague and patient questionnaires. Their new guidance can be downloaded from the GMC website at <http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/revalidation/9575.asp> . While the GMC will not be accrediting any questionnaires for the purposes of revalidation, they will expect all questionnaires to meet the criteria they have published.

Feedback from colleagues and feedback from patients (where appropriate) will be two pieces of supporting information that doctors will need to collect at least once in a revalidation cycle, preferably in the first two years. Feedback is designed to be a learning and development tool to help doctors identify their strengths and areas where they may be able to improve their practice.

GMC consults on its role in CPD

The General Medical Council is reviewing its role in relation to doctors' continuing professional development (CPD). Good Medical Practice requires doctors to keep their knowledge and skills up to date throughout their careers. Revalidation will place increasing emphasis on this. The GMC is now exploring how it can help doctors plan, carry out and evaluate CPD relevant to their practice.

As part of the review, they would like to get a snapshot of how doctors use CPD and their views on the role the GMC should play in supporting doctors' CPD activities. It has therefore launched an informal survey to support the review. You can read more about the review at:

http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/continuing_professional_development/review.asp and participate at: Survey on the Role of the GMC in CPD, which will be running until July 2011. You can contact the GMC, if you would like any further information about the review (probblee@gmc-uk.org / 020 7189 5207).

With best wishes



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