

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council noted that this is first meeting for Dr John Alexander (Officer for Clinical Standards and Quality Improvement), Dr Ashley Reece (Officer for Assessment) and Dr Mirajkar Suresh-Babu (Regional Representative, Trent). Council noted that this is the last meeting for many of the current Council. The President thanked all members for all their hard work for the RCPCH.

JUNIOR DOCTOR CONTRACT

Council received a paper from Dr David Evans, Vice President for Training and Assessment, summarising the current situation regarding the junior doctor contract in England and the RCPCH's position. Council received an additional tabled document containing a letter addressed to Professor Neena Modi and the results of a survey of paediatric trainees regarding the junior doctor contract from Dr Cheryl Battersby, Dr Sandra Duncan, Dr Jennifer McGrath, Dr Sophia Teoh and Dr Hilary Wong. Council noted the content of both papers and discussed the item. Council agreed that the RCPCH should develop metrics to support the monitoring of the junior doctor contract. Council agreed that the RCPCH should produce and publish a guidance document for junior doctors on the RCPCH website outlining how, why and what to negotiate in order to secure a contract that is right for paediatrics. Council agreed that there is a need to improve regional contact with RCPCH trainees.

INFANT FORMULA

CONSULTATION/RCPCH AND COLLABORATION WITH INDUSTRY

Council received the Industry Consultation update paper from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO, and Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts, and a verbal briefing from Mr Sleight. Council noted the results of the consultation on RCPCH relations with Formula Milk Companies and other companies, which was carried out during August and September 2016. Council received papers on The acceptance of funding, Policy for due diligence, and The interaction between industry and RCPCH in the use of donations/funding from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO; Mr Jonathan Miall, Director of Business Development; Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts, and a verbal overview from Mr Miall. Council discussed the item and agreed that the results of the industry consultation should be announced publicly to members in general, staff and the media. Council agreed to adopt the policy for accepting donations/funding and the revised process for due diligence. Council agreed to publish the policy for accepting donations/funding on the public area of the RCPCH website with appendices 2, 3 and 4 removed.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Council received a College Update paper and a verbal briefing from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO. Council noted that there are increasing requests for

organisational and national licences for PCO Online and the contract with the USA is still being negotiated. Council noted that the guideline section of PCO Online is now live and all members were encouraged to visit it. Council noted that abstract submissions for the 2017 Annual Conference are now open.

2015/16 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE UPDATE

Council received and noted the 2015/16 Management Accounts paper from: Mr David Howley, Director of Corporate Services and Mr Mark Eves, Head of Finance and a verbal briefing from Mr Howley. Council noted that the RCPCH financial statements are normally presented to Council for approval, however as this meeting is being held in October rather than November as usual, approval of the financial statements will be sought from the Board of Trustees in December 2016. Council noted that the RCPCH was given a clean bill of health from auditors Kingston Smith and that the financial statements will be signed off at the first Board of Trustees meeting.

GMC DECISION CIRCULAR – MEMBERSHIP REMOVAL

Council received and discussed a paper from Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts, and Ms Saskia Ottignon, Membership Supervisor. Council noted that according to the RCPCH lawyers, Council has absolute discretion to decide whether or not to remove RCPCH membership and there is no requirement for Council to consult the member concerned in order to reach a decision. Council agreed

unanimously to remove Dr Plavelil Abraham George's RCPCH membership.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Council received and discussed the update on trustee recruitment paper from Professor Judith Ellis, CEO, and Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts, and verbal briefing from Mr Sleight. Council noted the major developments which have taken place since the last Council meeting at 2.1 of the document including the recruitment of Trustees. Council agreed that the "go-live" date, when the old governing documents will cease to have an effect and the new ones will come into force, will be 1 November 2016 and the Privy Council will need to be asked for their agreement to this proposal.

HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS 2017

Council agreed that the following nominees will be offered Honorary Fellowships in 2017:

Mrs Sarah Brown
Professor Deborah Christie
Professor Sir Peter Gluckman
Dr Amanda Goldstein
Professor Mark Hanson
Professor Jean-Christophe Mercier
Dr Ramya de Silva
Professor Nick Spencer
Dr Anthony Waterston
Dr Kevin Windebank

JAMES SPENCE MEDAL 2017

Council received and discussed the James Spence Medal paper and verbal update from Mr Graham Sleight, Head of Governance and Contracts. Council agreed that members of Council are fully eligible to be

nominated for the James Spence Medal. Council agreed that in future James Spence Medal nominees will be informed that they have been nominated and be required to submit a copy of their CV. Council agreed that guidance is required for the submission of CVs from nominees to ensure that they demonstrate fulfilment of the James Spence Medal criteria. Council agreed that there is a need for a RCPCH award for non-academic paediatrician/those not contributing to new knowledge. Council agreed that the new Council should vote anonymously to decide upon the 2017 James Spence Medallist following circulation of the nominees' CVs, citations and the original terms of the James Spence Medal endowment. Council agreed that the new Council vote for the 2017 James Spence Medallist will be based on "outstanding contributions to the advancement or clarification of paediatric knowledge" and not a new interpretation of the phrase.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council received and noted a verbal update from Professor Neena Modi, President, including: that the RCPCH has won a bid to host the 2021 meeting of the International Pediatric Association; that Professor Modi will be collaborating with other organisations to campaign to improve the government Children's Obesity Strategy which has been reduced from 50 pages to 9 pages; that EC will be discussing ways in which the RCPCH support our paediatric colleagues more in the Middle East; that Professor Modi has been invited to join a group looking at nutrition in human health and the written report which will follow till

mention the importance of infant and child nutrition.

INVITED REVIEWS EVALUATION

Council received the Invited Reviews evaluation paper and a verbal briefing from Mrs Sue Eardley, Head of Invited Reviews. Council noted the content of the *Invited Reviews: the first four years report* within the document. Council thanked Mrs Eardley for an outstanding job of developing invited reviews.

WORKFORCE CENSUS EVALUATION

Council received a verbal briefing on the recent census from Mr Martin McColgan, Workforce Information Officer. Council noted that there have been considerable delays with presenting the census findings, however, they should be available in December 2016 and ready to publish in January 2017. Council noted that the Workforce Team is developing a paper to present to EC in November 2016 based on key questions outlining the RCPCH position on a number of workforce issues.

Chair: Professor Neena Modi
Next meeting: 23 February 2017