

Council: 6 March 2013

Brief report of items discussed

OUTCOMES FORUM

Council received a presentation from Dr Hilary Cass on the Young People's Health Outcome Forum. Key recommendations from the Forum were the patient voice; integration and partnership; acting early and intervening at the right time; safe and sustainable services; workforce education and training; evidence and research; leadership and incentives and levers for service improvement.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Council approved the Governance Review Phase 1 document. This would entail changes to: Presidential election eligibility; the appeal body relating to presidential elections; a definition of "In Good Standing;" and advertising vacancies for College posts solely on the website and e-bulletin rather than the print newsletter. The changes will require amendments to the Royal Charter, the Bye Laws, Regulations and Definition of "In Good Standing".

FACULTY OF CHILD HEALTH

Council received the Faculty of Child Health document and agreed to send any alternative Faculty models to Graham Sleight for evaluation and costing. Council also approved the proposal to employ a project manager to scope the options attaching to the idea of a Faculty in more detail.

CAREER SUPPORT FOR DOCTORS

Council discussed a presentation on Career Support for Doctors. Council agreed that a paper would go to the next Council outlining the priorities needed to support doctor's careers in the future.

WORKFORCE CENSUS

Council noted the analysis of the 2011 census. Council agreed that it would be useful if the census report could be subdivided regionally when it is published on the College website.

CHILD HEALTH IN THE UK CONFERENCE

Council noted an update on the Child Health in the UK Conference taking place 11-12 April 2013 in Manchester. The conference is aimed at a wide ranging multi-disciplinary audience and there were still a number of workshop spaces vacant.

FACING THE FUTURE AUDIT REPORT

Council received an update on the Facing the Future Audit Report and noted that the key findings and that the document are due to be launched at the Child Health in the UK Conference on 12 April 2013. Council also noted the draft content of Back to Facing the Future and bespoke unit report and commented that increasing consultant numbers are not tenable. There may also be unintended consequences associated with setting standards. Council agreed that terminology in relation to 'time of peak activity' will need to be clarified

and the report poses a presentational and media challenge which will need to be resolved.

SSASG SURVEY

Council received the SSASG Survey Report and noted that 38% of all survey respondents plan to retire in the next 10 years. The majority of respondents were Associate Specialists and many respondents are looking for central and local SSASG careers support. Council also noted that the College acknowledges SSASG doctors have not received adequate staffing support and will be recruiting a member of staff with specific responsibility for supporting SSASG doctors.

HANDBOOK FOR PAEDIATRICIANS

Council considered an update on the content and timeline for producing the Handbook for Paediatricians. The Handbook is an update to the Charter for Paediatricians which was last updated in November 2004. Council discussed whether to publish the handbook solely in electronic format in order to ensure the content remains current. The points were also raised that Parents and Carers could be mentioned in section 5 and signposting to sub-specialty training would be useful.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

Council received a report providing an update on key College activities and noted that directorate Key Performance Indicators are reported quarterly to Executive Committee. Council also noted that the College is in discussion about the provision of

an HR service to the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Council received an overall commentary on the financial position and College performance at 31 January 2013, five months into the 2012/13 financial year. Council noted that Mr Howley attended the three day VAT tribunal in February 2013 and is expecting to hear the outcome by late spring at the earliest. Otherwise, the College finances are healthy.

PARENTS AND CARERS GROUP UPDATE

Council noted the Parents and Carers Group update and the draft terms of reference.

AWARDS

Council agreed to award the 2013 James Spence Medal to Professor Sir Al Aynsley Green. Council also agreed that the following candidates receive Honorary Fellowships this year: Professor Myra Bluebond-Langer; Dr Jacqueline Cornish; Mrs Stella Dutton; Dr Richard Horton; Professor Ieuan Hughes; Mr Edward Kiely; Dr Ian Laing; Ms Christine Lenehan; Professor Michael Link; Dr Mary McGraw; Professor Varinder Singh and Ms Fiona Smith.

Chairman: Dr Hilary Cass

Next meeting: 3 July 2013