

# Council: 5 March 2014

## Brief report of items discussed

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### **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Council noted that meetings will take place on 2 July 2014, 10:00am-4:00pm and 5 November 2014, 10:00am-4:00pm.

### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

Council received a verbal update from Dr Hilary Cass on key issues and events since the previous Council meeting. Council noted that Health Education England is now looking at an integrated workforce plan which will include paediatrics. Council noted that a bid has been made to the Department of Health for a UK version of Pediatric Care Online as part of a range of measures for supporting paediatric medicine use. Council noted Dr Cass will be responding to a coroner's case on behalf of the College under rule 28, which raises the question of whether there should be a twice daily consultant review rather than every 24 hours.

### **ACCEA 2014**

Council noted that no ACCEA Round for England or Wales in 2014 has so far been announced and administrative staff of the Department of Health in England (responsible for the ACCEA process in both England and Wales) have provided a recommendation to Ministers that an ACCEA Round should take place in 2014. Council agreed to start the RCPCH process of collecting citations in anticipation of the 2014 ACCEA round with a

draft timetable as soon as possible.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW PROJECT BOARD**

Council received a written report on the Governance Review and Foundation of Child Health: work to date and next steps and a presentation from Ms Jackie Gallagher, Project Consultant, on the GRPB report and recommendations. Council received and noted the paper containing Dr Alistair Thomson's motion submitted for the 2014 AGM. Council discussed the item and agreed the College needs a smaller Board of Trustees to facilitate more effective decision making; further work will be carried out on the details. Council agreed to support the development of a Foundation of Child Health within RCPCH. Council agreed to extend the timetable for development and refinement of the proposals to ensure full membership awareness and understanding of the proposals and their purpose, and the opportunity to incorporate any further member feedback, so that changes to the Royal Charter and bye-laws are taken to the Privy Council in October 2014, following July Council and an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in September. Council agreed the College will not take any motions to the AGM but will provide a briefing on what Council has agreed and the process for moving forward.

## **SPONSORSHIP POLICY AND COMMERCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE RCPCH**

Council received papers on Sponsorship and the Vitamin D Mission partnership proposal and agreed decisions on both papers will to be made at the next meeting of Executive Committee. .

## **FINANCE UPDATE**

Council received the Finance and Corporate Services Update paper and a brief summary was presented on the College's financial performance to January 2014..

## **REPORTS FROM TWO OUTGOING VICE PRESIDENTS**

Council thanked Professor Neena Modi and Dr David Shortland for their work as Vice President of Science and Research and Vice President of Health Services respectively.

Chair: Dr Hilary Cass  
Next meeting: 2 July 2014