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## ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Minute of a meeting of Council held in the NSR within College on **Tuesday 17 May 2005**

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### Present:

Professor G M Teasdale, President	
Mr J C Ferguson, Vice-President (Surgical)	
Dr W M M Jenkins, Vice-President (Dental)	
Dr P V Knight, Honorary Secretary	
Mr J Bancewicz	Mr R Carachi
Professor J Connell	Mr J K Drury
Dr A Dunk	Mrs A Lannigan
Dr J Long	Dr L G McAlpine
Mr J R McGregor	Professor J McKillop
Mr J A Murie	Dr W Reid
Dr R D Stevenson	Professor R D Sturrock
Mr G T Sunderland	Dr A Zoma

### **In Attendance**

Mr R K Littlejohn, Registrar

### 1. Apologies

Mr I W R Anderson, Professor H J G Burns, Professor J R Hayes, Mr R Miller, Dr P R Mills, Mr C G Morran, Dr D T Roberts Vice-President (Medical), Dr M M Steven.

### 2. Minutes of Meeting of Council of 15 March and 2005 and Extraordinary Meeting of Council of 26 April 2005

The minutes of Council of 15 March 2005 and Extraordinary Meeting of Council of 26 April 2005 were confirmed and accepted.

### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### 3a) Faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine

Prof. Sturrock reported that the core group would meet in June. Individual conversations thus far had been very positive and he was hopeful of providing a report to the next meeting of Council.

**Action**

**RDS**

### 3b) Faculty of Travel Medicine

There had been further discussions around this. The Registrar was drafting required changes to Regulations and Bye-Laws.

DTR/RKL

### 3c) Scottish Medical Journal

The President spoke to the VP (Medical)'s prepared document. In essence the suggestion was to stop publishing the College Bulletin in September and move its content onto the web. The SMJ would be more closely associated with RCPSG with a separate section for history of medicine and CPD. In discussion, it was noted that this arrangement would be reviewed on an annual basis and the proposed appointment of an educational sub-editor would be key. It was agreed that it made sense to use SMJ as a vehicle for College and there was a question as to whether it might go international. It was also noted that 'News and Views' might have an overlap function. Council agreed to accept the proposals and inform the next meeting of College.

DTR/RKL

## 4. Notes of College Executive Meetings of 9 March and 13 April 2005

These were noted.

## 5. President's Report

### 1. Modernising Medical Careers

All Scottish graduates, bar one (from Edinburgh), had been found Scottish FY1 places. The MMC website would be launched on 23 May 2005 at [www.mmc.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.mmc.scot.nhs.uk). There was an impasse on HR issues which would clearly need to be sorted in the very near future. It would appear that PRHOs would start with an initial 4-month contract and publication of a Scottish version of the operational framework had been delayed because of the HR issues.

#### Operational Framework for Scotland

The 'frequently asked questions' section was being redone and updated and it was thought that there would be 7 – 9 days of educational time for F1 and 12 for F2. There would be service level agreements in each Deanery as to how they might be run, covering core competencies etc. The national databank via DOTS (Doctors Online Training System) was being created, covering e learning opportunities and a national education system. It was not currently clear how study leave for PRHOs would be met in terms of cost nor what the service impact might be.

The transition into and selection for specialist training continued to be problematic. There might be 'run through' training for some specialties but the vast majority of medical and surgical specialties would require some form of competitive entry. It now appeared that ST1/2 would not be streamed.

### 2. PMETB

The new Chairman would be Prof. Peter Rubin, a former Senior Lecturer in Clinical Pharmacology in Glasgow. There had been considerable discussion about service level agreements between the Colleges and PMETB, and the College CEOs were concerned that there had been a lot of work on detail but nothing on principles. It was still not clear whether JCHMT/JCHST would have all their costs covered in the long term. For instance, would assessors be paid for Article 14 work? In addition, it appeared likely that fees paid by PMETB to Colleges would be liable to VAT, although PMETB was preparing a case to Customs &

Excise that these should be exempt. PMETB did not intend to pay Colleges for work on appeals against Article 14 decisions. It had been agreed to have two initial agreements, one from July to September, when PMETB would go live, and the second from October until the end of March. There will be separate agreements on Article 14 and other activities such as CCTs and quality assurance visits. However, Paul Streets, CEO PMETB, had said that he would not meet College CEOs to discuss these matters of principle further until the initial agreements had been signed. The fee for Article 14 applications until March 06 would be £700. Of this, £200 would be retained by PMETB and £500 would go to Colleges. PMETB had agreed to carry the VAT liability until March 06.

### 3. Intercollegiate Collaboration

Surgical Council members and office bearers would meet in RCSEd on 9 June 2005. Topics to be discussed might include joint educational meetings, research fellowships, remote and rural surgery, future role of Colleges in Scotland, intercollegiate examinations, surgical care practitioners, CPD/revalidation – certifying surgeons' activities, and SASM and the Freedom of Information Act. It should also be noted that intercollegiate collaboration in Scotland had been passed to Glasgow to provide a framework. The VP (Medical) was responsible for this.

### 4. RCS England

RCS England had agreed at the recent Surgical Senate to review their opposition to an independent review of Senate processes. The President (as Chairman of Senate) and George Borthwick would address the RCSEng Council. It was also noted with some sadness that Hugh Phillips had decided not stand again for the Presidency of RCS England due to ill health and Bernie Ribero had been elected to succeed him.

### 5. Kerr Report

The Kerr Report was to be published on 25 May 2005 and it was thought that the Committee's work on remote and rural practice would give College a role in exploring/validating educational requirements. It was likely physicians would be different from surgeons and Prof Andrew Sim was to produce data on workload to inform training needs.

### 6. Strategy Review

The President once again proffered his thanks to Council members who had attended on 26 April 2005 and informed Council that office bearers would meet again on 19 May 2005 to take further decisions. The CEO post had been advertised and an executive search was ongoing. He pointed out that Council members might know of people they felt should/could be approached and their names should be passed to the Honorary Secretary.

**All  
Members**

## 6. Any Other Competent Business

### Revalidation

The President introduced a letter from Prof Sir Alan Craft, Chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, regarding a request they had had from the GMC for Colleges to identify:

- The sorts of evidence that doctors in their specialty might collect in their portfolio.
- The standard to be met by individual practitioners.
- Key indicators of poor performance.

The suggestion was that all this work had to be carried out by the end of June, which seemed a completely unreasonable timescale. It was also noted that College had recently contributed to the English CMO's request for views on revalidation. The President was of the opinion that we required to be cautious in any such work and after general discussion, it was noted that: portfolios were for appraisal rather than revalidation; there were currently some CPD requirements for physicians; poor performance was not usually specialty specific; there was a possibility of extending College's remit into reviews of standards.

## 7. **Proposed Amendments to Regulations Chapter II**

The Registrar pointed out that these proposals had gone to print. So, although Council could discuss them, any amendments would need to be made at the College meeting. These amendments were essentially to achieve two purposes. The first was to speed up the process of election to Fellowship. Elections could be made by Council with some delegation. The second was around the category of Collegiate Member. Council members were reminded that currently this applied principally to holders of the MRCP(UK). Council could also elect as Collegiate Members any medical or dental practitioners with appropriate postgraduate qualifications. It was proposed that both groups be elected as Members of College with the post-nominal letters of MRCP(S(Glasg.)). This would remove the term 'collegiate member' from the Regulations, and it with 'member'.

There was some discussion about how this would be received and Council looked forward to a lively debate at the next College meeting.

RKL

## 8. **Proposed College Subscriptions 2005/2006**

The Registrar spoke to the subscription levels which would be proposed at the next College meeting. There was a general rise in subscriptions in line with previous years but it was noted this was above the level of inflation. There was a suggestion at Council, which could be debated at College, that those entering College could have a reduced subscription for the first 3 years, which would be open to everyone regardless of their date of qualification.

## 9. **The Federation of RCPs as a Legal Entity**

The Honorary Secretary spoke to this, which had been prepared as a memorandum by the 3 College CEOs. There was not a great appetite amongst Council members to take this matter much further as it might have perceived consequences for the independence of College.

## 10. **Reducing College Meetings**

The Honorary Secretary spoke to this. Council members would recall that attendance at College meetings was generally poor with no more than 30, including Council members and officer bearers, having attended any of the last 5 College meetings.

It was felt that it would enhance matters if we limited College meetings to one AGM per year, associated with an educational event and a dinner. This would require some changes to the Regulations and some other way of ensuring reasonable governance, e.g. for election of Office Bearers etc. It was agreed that enhancing the AGM and making the website more interactive would be a benefit. The VP (Dental) outlined that he would also like Dental Faculty meetings reduced to one.

It was agreed to take this proposal to the College meeting in September.

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## 11. **Surgical Care Practitioners**

The VP (Surgical) outlined the genesis of this new grade of practitioner, noting that similar developments regarding Physicians' Assistants and Anaesthetic Assistants were also under way at separate rates in Scotland and England. The current document had originated from RCSEng and the DOH. It was noted that nurse practitioner courses already existed but that the current suggestions might create a cadre of staff who did not have an initial health care qualification.

There would be a meeting about Physicians' Assistants in the near future in Edinburgh in which College has been asked to participate. It was also suggested that the Trainees Committee might have a view on these issues as there was a risk that it might reduce training time. Overall, Council agreed to welcome a formal framework for SCPs, that they should practise in a team led by a consultant surgeon and that it was likely that their skills would probably be beyond the defined Level 1. It was suggested that this be a progressive process and nationally recognised with regards to quality assurance. College would wish to be further involved.

JCF

## 12. **SASM & Freedom of Information Act**

The President reported that there was still concern that surgeon-specific data could be released through the Freedom of Information Act. Discussions between ISD, SASM and relevant parties were continuing.

## 13. **Minutes of Council Committees**

Minutes received and comments made

### a) Professional Services Committee 14 March 2005

Mrs Lannigan said that the public meeting on the Kerr Report might not go ahead as there had been a lack of interest from political parties.

### b) Lachlan McNeill Scholarship Committee 12 April 2005

Lachlan McNeill Scholarship awarded to David Jones.

### c) Dental Council 14 April 2005

In relation to a General Dental Council review of the role of Colleges and in response to a specific question regarding programmes of training overseas, it was noted that these were inspected by UK-based Fellows using UK criteria.

### d) Fellowship Committee 15 April 2005

These were received.

### e) Symposium Committee 19 April 2005

Dr Reid informed Council that they would be proceeding with their first English Symposium in Harrogate on a date to be advised.

## 14. **Notes on the Public Liaison Group Meeting of 20 April 2005**

These were received.

## 15. ROUTINE ITEMS

- 1) Medical Courses for Refugee and Asylum Seeking Doctors – Document O was tabled and there had been some feedback from the Associate Postgraduate Dean in the West of Scotland on responsibility for refugee doctors. It was felt that the proposal for a course for refugee doctors in Scotland would have a very low pick up rate. The President would write to Dr Beattie on that basis.
- 2) Reply from The Faculty of Accident and Emergency Medicine – Document P was noted and Council hoped a satisfactory outcome would be forthcoming.

## 16. Forthcoming Events

The Council meeting on Friday 8 July 2005 would start at 2pm and be followed by the Council Guest Dinner. Council Members were asked to inform the Registrar of their guests as soon as possible and to note that this was a formal Black Tie dinner.

## 17. Admissions in Absentia

### Fellows qua Physician

Subash **Kaul**, MD 1985 Kashmir

Chi-Wing **Lo**, MBBS 1982 Hong Kong, MRCP(UK) 1987

Vasudevan Unnithan **Raghuraman**, MBBS 1981 Kerala, MRCP(UK) 1986

### Fellows qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology

Siu Hung **Li**, MB ChB 1998, Chinese Univ. HK

Sandeep Satchidanand **Mungantiwar**, MBBS 1996, Nagpur

Anilkumar Karunakaran **Nambiar**, MBBS 1993, MS

Mohamed Kawashty **Tameesh**, MB BCh 1992, Tanta

Alex Chun Wah **Wong**, MBBS 1996, Hong Kong

### Members qua Surgeon

Muhammad Iqbal **Bhatti**, MBBS 1995, Punjab

Randhir **Francis**, MB BCh 1996, Wales

Leanora Anne **Mills**, MB ChB 2000, Edinburgh

### Members qua Surgeon (Intercollegiate)

Karen Sara **Stevenson**, MB ChB 2002, Glasgow

Manoj Shankarrao **Todkar**, MBBS 1997 BJ Medical College

### Members in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Mohammed **Irfan**, BDS 2000. Bangalore

M.V. **Manjunath**, BDS 1984, Mysore

### Collegiate Membership

Arup **Bhattacharyya**, MBBS 1995 Calcutta, MRCP(UK) 2005

Maneesh **Bhojak**, MBBS 1998 Rajasthan, MRCP(UK) 2004

Gitanjali **Kochar**, MBBS 1987 Delhi, MRCP(UK) 2004

Alicia **Massarotto**, MB ChB 1999 Otago, MRCP(UK) 2004

18. **Responses to Consultation Documents**

Requesting Organisation	Name and Reference Number of Document	Nominees Suggested to Comment	Reply sent to Organisation
NHS Education for Scotland	Medical ACT Direct Costs	Prof J McKillop	11.03.05
GMC	General Medical Council Indicative Sanctions Guidance for Fitness to Practise Panels	Dr B Williams	11.03.05
The Scottish Parliament	Consultation on proposals to encourage more Scottish domiciled students into medicine	-	11.03.05
Dept of work & Pensions	Disability Discrimination Bill	Dr C W Roy	18.03.05
Scottish Executive	Blood testing following criminal incidents where there is a risk of infection: proposals for legislation	-	23.03.05
Royal College of Physicians	Defining and maintaining professional values in medicine. A working party of the Royal College of Physicians of London	Physician members of Council Physician specialty committees Medical Exam Board Members	31.03.05
NHS Quality Improvement Scotland	Draft Standards for Clinical Governance & Risk Management – Apr 2005	-	12.04.05
The Scottish Parliament	Proposal for a Member's Bill in the Scottish Parliament Dying with Dignity	Dr G Macphee Dr C McAlpine Prof J McKillop Dr A Dunk Dr Bancewicz	15.04.05
BSAC	Guidelines for the Laboratory Diagnosis and Susceptibility Testing of Meticillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)	Dr S Alcock	22.04.05
CHMS	Medical and Dental Students in the NHS: draft guidance for limited consultation	-	28.04.05
STA	Consultation on the PMETB's draft Complaints Rules Consultation on the PMETB's draft Rules governing procedure and evidence for the award of certificates	-	29.04.05
NHS	Public Consultation: Proposal to Establish a West of Scotland Heart and Lung Surgery Centre at Golden Jubilee National Hospital	Dr K Oldroyd Mr G Berg Mr A Kirk	05.05.05
PMETB	Consultation on the Rules on Standards and Requirements for Postgraduate Medical Education and Training (Article 4 (3))	-	11.05.05