MEETING OF COUNCIL

Edited Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2015
Council Chamber, Churchill House

Items which remain (at least for the time being) confidential to Council are not included in these minutes

Members attending:
Dr J-P van Besouw, President
Dr L Brennan
Dr P Venn
Professor J R Sneyd
Dr A Batchelor
Professor D Rowbotham
Professor R Mahajan
Dr R Verma
Dr R J Marks
Dr T Clutton-Brock
Dr J Nolan
Dr J A Langton
Dr J Calvin

Dr N Penfold
Dr R Alladi
Dr E J Fazackerley
Dr S Fletcher
Dr G Collee
Dr J-P Lomas
Dr W Harrop-Griffiths
Dr K May
Dr R Darling
Dr I Johnson
Dr D Selwyn
Dr A Hartle

Ms I Dalton, RCoA Lay Committee and Dr A-M Rollin, Professional Standards Adviser

In attendance: Mr K Storey, Mr C McLaughlan, Ms S Drake, Mr R Ampofo, Mr M Blaney, Ms S Larsen, and Ms E Bennett.

Apologies for absence: Professor M Mythen, Dr J Pandit, Dr P Kumar and Dr K Grady.

COUNCIL IN DISCUSSION

CID/11/2015 President’s Opening Statement

1. Mr Robert Thompson will succeed Ms Dalton as Chairman of the Lay Committee.
2. The President welcomed Mr Ampofo to his first Council meeting.
3. The President announced the deaths of Mrs Morgan Cenan, Dr Vivek Sivaraman, Professor Jimmy Payne, Dr Janie McIntyre, Dr Bashir Misgar and Dr Doreen Jewkes. Council stood in memory.
4. The Advisory Board on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) 2015 National Awards Round opened yesterday, Tuesday 14th April. It will close on Wednesday 17th June at 5pm. Dr Harrop-Griffiths informed Council that the process will follow that used in 2014. It is thought that the same number of awards will be made as in the 2014 round. The President added that the College will support those individuals seeking renewal. Applications have been significantly down, due to concerns around the loss of remuneration following unsuccessful application for a higher level.
5. The triennial review of ACCEA has now closed. The Advisory Board will meet on 27th April and results will be published following the UK general election.
6. Professor Sneyd will be leading the Platinum ACCEA process which will be organised by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC).
7. An update was received from the General Medical Council (GMC) on credentialing. A consultation will run from early July until the end of September. Work has been underway regarding how policies will work in practice. The model should be able to operate irrespective of outcomes from work on the Shape of Training (SoT).
8. The Department of Health has issued a statement on the direction of travel with regards to SoT. Colleges have been asked to ascertain which areas in their current curricula could be cross-referenced to other specialties’ curricula.

9. The Supreme Court has ruled in the case of Montgomery vs. Lanarkshire Health Board. The GMC has welcomed the ruling, since it is close to the process of consent expected by Good Medical Practice. The College has issued a statement echoing this and supports the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) in convening a working group on this issue. Council discussed consent in critical care, the link to deprivation of liberty, and the differing requirements for a qualified professional to take consent in surgery and in anaesthesia. The AAGBI working group will assess both the required information and hospital processes needed to deliver it.

10. The President met with Dr Peter Nightingale, the new Chair of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency’s Devices Expert Advisory Committee, which is looking at the enhancement of assessment and reporting systems for failures of devices.

11. The President met with Dr Kate Langford, the new Medical Director at the Centre for Workforce Intelligence (CfWI), and Ms Hannah Darvill, project director, to discuss the recently published review of the anaesthesics and intensive care workforce.

12. The President met with Mr Dennis Campbell, health correspondent at the Guardian.

13. The President held a meeting with Miss Clare Marx to discuss Royal College of Surgeons’ (RCS) dissemination of the findings of the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) project to the surgical community.

14. The AoMRC is convening working groups on “The Accountable Clinician” and on medical informatics. Dr Lomas will represent the College on the latter group.

15. The President and Mr Storey attended the Senior Fellows Club.

16. The President attended the Lilly Lecture.

17. The President updated Council on staff changes:
   a. Mr Russell Ampofo joined the College as Director of Training & Examinations.
   b. Mr Eric Joyce has been appointed as Events and Integrated Learning Co-ordinator.
   c. Ms Keenda Sispouphanh has been appointed as Events Coordinator.
   d. Ms Gail Samuel has left the College. Ms Rose Murphy is offering temporary cover.

CID/12/2015 Intercollegiate Board for Training in Prehospital Emergency Medicine (IBTPHEM)
Dr Nolan presented a summary of the meeting held on 11 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:
- Discussion of the updated Terms of Reference, which the College feels give IBTPHEM too much autonomy over decisions which could impact on training for anaesthetists. A revised wording has been put forward.
- It is thought that the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh will be the Lead College.
- Dr Tom Hurst has replaced Dr Nolan as the College representative on the Committee.

CID/13/2015 Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland President’s Report
Dr Hartle drew Council’s attention to the following:
- The successful efforts at lobbying against increased scheduling of ketamine. Dr Hartle thanked the College for its support.
- Current attempts to change the constitution of the European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA), which could damage standards and training in smaller and newer member nations, thereby impacting on the College. The AAGBI hopes that a vote, which would weaken the ESA, can be avoided.
- Nominees have been received for the AAGBI Board; no election will be required.
- The GMC is under continuing pressure to come up with an effective plan re: moving the point of registration forwards to the end of medical school while maintaining standards.
COMMITTEE BUSINESS

CB/31/2015  Council Minutes
The minutes and website minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 were approved with the following amendment:

- CID/9/2015 Inclusion of the conclusion to the discussions: “It was agreed by Council that the further development of the CPD framework would be taken forward within the Technology Strategy Review.”

CB/32/2015  Matters Arising
Review of Action Points
- CB/167/2014 Quality Management of Service Committee

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<th>Action: Professor Mahajan to speak to Dr Collee regarding inclusion of PA(A)s in the 2016 edition of GPAS</th>
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All other action points had been completed.

CB/33/2015  Regional Advisers
Council considered making the following re-appointment:

South West Peninsula
Dr P R F Davies  Agreed

CB/34/2015  Deputy Regional Advisers
Council considered making the following appointments and re-appointments (re-appointment marked with an asterisk):

Mersey
Dr L A Poole in succession to Dr P Mullen  Agreed

Northern Ireland
*Dr S-A Phillips  Agreed

CB/35/2015  College Tutors
Council considered making the following appointments:

Northern
Dr K Fordy (Sunderland Royal Hospital) in succession to Dr E Rodger  Agreed
To receive a request from Dr G Enever, Regional Adviser for a second College Tutor post at Sunderland Royal Hospital  Agreed
Dr S J Robb (Sunderland Royal Hospital) for second Tutor post  Agreed

North Thames Central
Dr P J Bishop (Colchester Hospital) in succession to Dr L Zsisku  Agreed
Dr E Bertoja (UCLH) in succession to Dr J Holding  Agreed

North Thames East
Dr T Kundishora (Newham University Hospital) in succession to Dr B John  Agreed
Dr A T Watson (Broomfield Hospital) in succession to Dr R Martin  Agreed

Mersey
Dr N J Price (Leighton Hospital) in succession to Dr P M Board  Agreed
Dr A R Marchetti (Macclesfield District General Hospital) in succession to Dr N Zafar  Agreed
Dr J Slee (Whiston Hospital) in succession to Dr Y M A Wong  Agreed

South East Scotland
Dr C P Gardner (St John’s Hospital) in succession to Dr L M Carragher  Agreed
West Midlands North
Dr T M Day-Thompson (Hereford County Hospital) in succession to Dr H Whibley Agreed

CB/36/2015  Head of Schools
Dr Helen Hobbiger, East of England Postgraduate School in succession to Dr S Fletcher Agreed

Dr Brennan informed Council of discussions around the process of making appointments to College roles including College Tutors. Dr Venn added that there are wider questions about the CT role, which was originally a training position; this is no longer the case as there are CTs serving hospitals without anaesthetic trainees. Dr Fazackerley noted the need to ensure that the College’s guidelines are clear, as there could be a situation in which Deaneries challenged the College’s decision. Council’s view was that the key requirement should be for demonstrable understanding of the CT role, rather than particular clinical skills.

CB/37/2015  Training Committee

(i)  Chairman of the Training Committee’s Update
Dr Penfold drew Council’s attention to the following:
- A submission had been received from the military regarding delivery of training in trauma, in the wake of the armed forces withdrawal from Camp Bastion. A number of schools are developing advanced modules for trauma. A working party is being convened to look at these issues. The President noted that the RCS is developing a generalised trauma surgery programme.
- The Annual Specialty report has been compiled and is on the RCoA website.
- The CfWI’s report into anaesthesia and intensive care has been published.
- Core, intermediate and higher requirements for perioperative medicine modules will be presented to the Training Committee.

(ii) Certificate of Completion of Training
Council noted recommendations made to the GMC for approval, that CCTs/Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (Combined Programme) [CESR (CP)] be awarded to those set out below, who have satisfactorily completed the full period of higher specialist training in anaesthesia. The doctors whose names are marked with an asterisk have been recommended for Joint CCTs/CESR (CP) s in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine.

Anglia
Dr Natalia Notkina

East Midlands
Leicester
Dr Jaspreet Kaur
Dr Rebecca Caroline Barker

KSS
Dr Vageshwary Veeairaiah Mikkere

London
North Central
Dr Craig Anthony Lyness
Dr David Thomas Monks

Barts and the London
Dr Neil Angus James Macdonald
Dr Timothy Charles Lightfoot
Dr Olubukunola Ojo
Dr Sheelaj Sharma

South East
St George’s
Dr Ben Felix Richard Singer*

Mersey
Dr Jill Nicholson

Northern Ireland
Dr Ronan Haughey

North of Scotland
Dr Jill Austin

Northern
Dr Francoise Bari
Dr Ramesh Arumugam
Dr Simone Eloise Carbert
Dr Jennifer Ellen Sainsbury
Dr Vanessa Nina Nesbitt
CB/38/2015  Royal College of Anaesthetists Advisory Board for Scotland

The Chairman, Dr Colvin, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:

- Discussion of further new posts in ICM for 2016 recruitment.
- Work to encourage NHS Health Improvement Scotland to jointly manage the Anaesthesia Clinical Service Accreditation (ACSA) scheme in Scotland; if this fails it will be promoted to individual departments.
- Work by the Clinical Leadership Fellow, Dr Myra McAdam, to implement a Professionalism Compliance Analysis Tool (PCAT) in Anaesthesia. The PCAT is a quality improvement framework for designing rotas for doctors in training, which has already been picked up by Scottish postgraduate deans and the GMC.
- Election of new trainee member, Dr Karen Pearson, to the Board. Dr Pearson has suggested the development of a virtual trainee group, made up of Scottish Trainee Schools representatives, to improve communication with trainees.
- The Scottish government is running an international training fellowship initiative. The niche specialty training thereby offered will feed into credentialing.
- The Board thanked the College for supporting a further 0.5 WTE Scottish Clinical Leadership Fellow. No applications were received from anaesthesia; it will be positive to have input from another specialty.
- Newly published guidance will supersede the requirement for default 9:1 job plans for new appointments. Dr Colvin would welcome comments from Council on the document.

**Action: Council to send comments to Dr Colvin**

The President noted that the document seems to be a softening in response to criticisms of the 9:1 contract. Dr Nolan stated that it does not compel employers to offer any other job plan. Dr May requested that Council encourage explicit inclusion of SAS doctors in such documents.

CB/39/2015  Quality Improvement Training Meeting

Dr Colvin gave an update on Quality Improvement (QI) training. The GMC supports making QI a mandatory part of postgraduate training. The College needs to develop its QI training delivery mechanisms, including looking to external sources such as the AoMRC’s development of QI curricula, and BMJ Quality, who may be able to offer a bespoke package for delivery of training. Dr Brennan asked whether access to BMJ resources would be free for BMA members; Dr Colvin responded that access would be licensed, charged independently of membership.
**CB/41/2015  Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Board**

The Chairman, Dr Langton presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:

- **CPDB/03/15 Quality assurance of the CPD approval scheme** The President noted that it would be useful to have a uniform approval system for all specialist societies, as job planning is giving more robust scrutiny to the value of events.

- **CPDB/05/15 Update on the development of a CPD Framework** Positive responses have been received from a number of specialist societies to the distributed CPD framework.

**CB/42/2015  Education Committee**

The Chairman, Dr Nolan, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:

- **EC/5/15 VI Webcasting and Social Media** Guidance is being produced to ensure that legal requirements for copyrighted material are met. Difficulties around the ownership of photographs, the use of patient identifiable material and consent were noted, although it was acknowledged that restrictions have been somewhat reduced over the past year. The President noted that when speaking as a representative of the College, copyright remains with the College rather than the speaker.

- **EC/5/15 III Simulation Update**

**CB/43/2015  Anaesthetists as Educators**

The Chairman, Dr Nolan, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:

- **AEG/06/2015 Feedback on recent AaE Courses** An additional day’s training to consolidate Anaesthetists’ Non-Technical Skills (ANTS) learned on the popular AaE: ANTS course was discussed. The President noted the value of providing regional courses for essential skills.

**CB/44/2015  Technology Strategy Review Leadership Group**

The Chairman, Dr Nolan, presented the summary of the meeting held on 25 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:

- **TSR/3/15 Terms of Reference and Responsibilities of Leadership Group**

- **TSR/8/15 Technology Strategy Review Fellow** A draft job description has been circulated.

**CB/45/2015  Lay Committee**

The Chairman, Ms Dalton, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:

- **LCFULL/6/2015 CPR and End of Life** A Task and Finish group has been convened to produce a paper on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and End of Life. It was noted that the Royal College of Nursing is hosting a meeting towards developing national policy on these issues. Council discussed the impact that such a paper could have on College policy; the intent is to raise questions, of importance to patients, which clinicians may not expect.

- The work plan will now be updated at every meeting.

- The meeting was attended by the Chair of the Lay Committee (LC) of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, and Ms Dalton is to meet with the Chair of the LC of the RCS.

**CB/46/2015  Examinations Committee**

Dr Brennan presented the report of the Examinations Review Group. The motion to ratify the Examinations Review Report was postponed, pending Dr Platon Razis’ presentation to Council in June.

Professor Sneyd noted the absence of differential attainment statistics. Dr Brennan stated that this data was published by the GMC after the report was completed but is being looked at, and added that the RCoA is not an outlier in these statistics. The President will circulate this information to Council.

**Action:** President to circulate GMC data on differential attainment to Council
New leadership appointments have been made. The Committee offered its thanks to Dr Mike Tremlett and Dr Mike Wilkinson for their work as Chairs of the Primary and Final examinations. Council approved the motions listed under M/18/2015.

CB/47/2015  Quality Management of Service Group
The Chairman, Dr Fletcher, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 drawing Council’s attention to the following:

- QMSG/84/2015 – Progress update – ACSA Accreditation for Harrogate and West Sussex has been approved.
- QMSG/85/2015 – Domain 5 ophthalmic standards The neuro processes, part of Domain 5, will be piloted at The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery
- QMSG/89/2015 – Feedback from ACSA standards review day
- QMSG/88/2015 – ACSA reviewer recruitment Reviewers are being sought from accredited trusts.
- QMSG/91/2015 - Sign off for ACSA reports

Dr Collee enquired whether ACSA reviews will supersede Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections. Dr Fletcher responded that although the CQC has stated that it regards accredited departments as of high quality, ACSA does not serve the same purposes as CQC inspections which serve a regulatory purpose.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

I/7/2015  Publications
Council received, for information, the list of publications received in the President’s Office.

I/8/2015  Consultations
Council received, for information, the list of current consultations.

The President drew Council’s attention to the National Review of Maternity Care, led by Baroness Julia Cumberlege. Although the specialty has not been included in the review panel membership, the College, Faculties and Obstetric Anaesthetists’ Association will be involved in the process.

I/9/2015  New Associate Fellows, Members and Associate Members
Council noted, for information, the following:

Members:
Dr Lamis Elmidad El-Rashid – FRCA Primary
Dr Gareth Robert Hughes – Primary FCARCSI

Associate Members:
Dr Manpreet Singh – Yeovil District Hospital
Dr Chandra Sekhar Tirupati – Causeway Hospital
Dr Justin Japp – South West Acute Hospital
Dr Casbi Kuki – Wexham Park Hospital, Slough
Dr Sally Hassan Farid Abou Ghazaleh – University College London
Dr Lubomir Gavula – Queen Elizabeth Hospital

To receive for information the following doctors have been put on the Voluntary Register:
Dr Michael Stewart – Yorkhill Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow
Dr Seneetha Tanshya De Silva – St James University Hospital, Leeds
Dr Mohamed Ali Dorgham – Darlington Memorial Hospital
Dr Pungavi Kailainathan – Charing Cross Hospital and St Mary’s Hospital
Dr Daniel Gavin Nevin – Royal London Hospital
Dr Elisa Dedola – North Hampshire NHS Hospitals
Dr Neill Sidney Roux – Dumfries & Galloway Hospitals
Dr Raul Benloch Petit – John Paget University Hospital
Membership Category Progression

New Associate Fellows
Dr Zakaulla Khysar Belagodu
Dr Timothy David Walter Mawhinney
Dr John Adam Strange
Dr Dominic Michael Trainor
Dr Nina Alexandra Tatarkowska
Dr Christos Chamos
Dr Marco Scaramuzzi
Dr Mruthunjaya Narayana Swamy
Dr Ruth Anne Ford

New Members
Dr Papanna Ramakrishnan
Dr Emma Louise McQuillan
Dr Kirankumar Bhagwatrao Sachane
Dr Anthony Ernest Alderman
Dr David Jonathan Cook
Dr Karen Victoria Mullaney
Dr Deirdre Therese McAlonan
Dr Lucy Florence Dancy
Dr Rajesh Kumar Aggarwal
Dr Aimee Meechan
Dr Emma Louise Hayes

New Associate Members
Dr Dorota Barbara Swierczewska – Gilbert Bain Hospital, Shetland Islands
Dr Ewa Bozena Miller-Jastrzebska
Dr Thomas James Whitehead
Dr Christopher Richard Collin
Dr David Juan Blackman
Dr Mark William Southworth

PRESIDENT’S CLOSING STATEMENT

PCS/3/2015 President’s Closing Statement

1. During the disruption caused by the recent fire on Kingsway, the College provided support services to the Royal College of Radiologists.
2. The 2015 census is being finalised. Mr McLaughlan informed Council that it will be piloted at sites identified through the Clinical Directors’ network, and has a proposed launch date of 18th May. As in previous years, a 100% response rate is aimed for.
3. Diplomates Day takes place on the 1st May and Council are encouraged to attend.
MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

M/13/2015  Minutes
Resolved: The minutes and website minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 were approved subject to minor amendment.

M/14/2015  Regional Advisers
Resolved: That the following appointment be approved:
South West Peninsula
Dr P R F Davies

M/15/2015  Deputy Regional Advisers
Resolved: That the following appointments/re-appointments be approved (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):
Mersey
Dr L A Poole in succession to Dr P Mullen

Northern Ireland
*Dr S-A Phillips

M/16/2015  College Tutors
Resolved: That the following appointments be approved:
Northern
Dr K Fordy (Sunderland Royal Hospital) in succession to Dr E Rodger
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Dr P J Bishop (Colchester Hospital) in succession to Dr L Zsisku
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South East Scotland
Dr C P Gardner (St John’s Hospital) in succession to Dr L M Carragher

West Midlands North
Dr T M Day-Thompson (Hereford County Hospital) in succession to Dr H Whibley

M/17/2015  Head of Schools
Resolved: That the following appointments be approved:
Dr Helen Hobbiger, East of England Postgraduate School in succession to Dr S Fletcher

M/18/2015  Examinations Committee
Resolved: That the appointment of Dr Richard Telford as Chairman of the Final Examination from June 2015 be approved.
Resolved: That the appointment of Dr Andrew McIndoe as Chairman of the Primary Examination from May 2015 be approved.
Resolved: That approval be given to Dr Sue Catling to continue examinership for one year to April 2016, following her retirement from clinical practice.