



FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE

of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

Minutes of the Board meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2013

Members:

Professor D Rowbotham	(Dean)
Dr M B Taylor	(Vice-Dean) (<i>via teleconference</i>)
Dr B Collett	
Dr John Goddard	
Dr Kate Grady	
Dr John Hughes	
Dr R Laishley	
Dr K Simpson	
Dr B Miller	(Co-optee: Chair, Regional Advisors in Pain Medicine)
Dr E Baird	(Co-optee: Trainee representative)
Ms S Payne	(Co-optee: Outgoing Lay representative, Patient Liaison Group)
Ms Carol Green	(Co-optee: Incoming Lay representative, Patient Liaison Group)

Apologies:

Dr Hwyl Jones	
Professor I Power	
Dr S Ward	
Dr S Gilbert	(Co-optee: Lead Clinician for Chronic Pain, Scotland)
Professor R Langford	(Co-optee: President, British Pain Society)

In attendance:

Mr D Waeland	(Head of Faculties)
Mr J Goodwin	(Faculties Supervisor)
Miss A Ripley	(Faculties Administrator)
Miss L McDowell	(Faculties Administrator)

CEREMONIAL PROCEEDINGS

Dr John Goddard and Dr John Hughes were inducted as elected members of the Board.

BFPM/02.13/1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received as above.

BFPM/02.13/2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 December 2012 were agreed as a true record of events, subject to some minor amendments.

BFPM/02.13/3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Acute pain practitioners

The Board discussed further how to involve acute pain practitioners with the Faculty; with a possibility of a working party for acute pain practitioners and a co-opted representative on the FPM Board.

BFPM/02.13/4 DEAN'S STATEMENT

4.1 Nominations – Patrick Wall Lecture

The Board discussed possible nominations for the 2014 Patrick Wall award and decided on Professor Sue Fleetwood-Walker, this will be taken to the next RCoA Nominations Committee in May 2013.

ACTION: The Dean to get CV of Dr Fleetwood-Walker and take to the Nominations Committee.

4.2 Problematic Pain Scoping Meeting – progress on work streams

The Dean reported that leads have been appointed for each work stream and the work on these are progressing well.

4.3 Irish Medical Council considerations

The Dean reported that the Irish Medical Council have written to him to inform that they are considering awarding Pain Medicine sub-specialty status and have asked for a representative from the Faculty to help with these considerations.

Post Meeting Note: Dr Grady has volunteered for this.

4.4 Shape of Training response

The Dean informed the Board that the Shape of Training response has been submitted.

4.5 William Farr medal

The Dean requested nominations for the William Farr medal. Dr Grady and Dr Miller suggested Dr Andrew Severn.

ACTION: FPM admin to inform the College

BFPM/02.13/5 FPM BOARD STRATEGY

5.1 Communications Working Party

Dr Collett reported that there has been a second meeting of the CWP: there was a suggestion that the Faculty should produce some patient information leaflets on both medications and interventions. These leaflets should be easily understandable fact sheets and the first stage would be the creation of some working parties. The Board approved this work stream.

ACTION: The Dean to take suggestion to Finance Committee after FPM Admin has worked out costs.

ACTION: Dr Collett and Mr Waeland to set up working parties.

5.2.1 Commissioning pain services

The Board agreed that the guidance created by Dr Collett was very good. It was decided to change the title to make it clearer to 'Local Commissioning of Specialist Services for Pain' and to add an introductory paragraph explaining what a pain service is. Once these changes have been made, it should go onto the FPM website.

ACTION: Dr Collett to make the changes to the document

ACTION: FPM admin to put document onto FPM website.

5.2.2 Interaction with BPS and Commissioning

The Dean reported that the Clinical Reference Group for pain services commissioning is going well: Dr Andrew Baranowski is leading this.

Dr Collett reported that she is the Faculty representative on the BPS commissioning project, Dr Collett will report on this at the next Board.

5.3 Paediatric Pain

Dr Grady and Dr Taylor reported they met with Richard Howard to discuss advanced pain medicine training for anaesthetists who undertake advanced paediatric anaesthetic training.

5.4 Evidence base

The Dean reported on behalf of Dr Ward that work on the evidence base is progressing well.

5.5 e-Pain

The Dean reported that the project had been going well but that it is starting to fall behind schedule as more authors are needed. The Board discussed that as the programmes are aimed at non-pain specialists within the NHS, writing some of the programmes could be a good project for some of the Advanced Pain Trainees. Mr Waeland informed the Board that sub-editors are also required; the Board will also email suggestions for this role.

ACTION: Mr Waeland to email the scope of work for the authors and sub-editors to the Board

ACTION: Board members to email in suggestions for authors and Sub-editors

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FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

6.1 FPMPSC minutes

The Board noted the minutes of the last meeting. Dr Simpson reported that Dr Stannard is writing an article on opioids and driving for the next edition of Transmitter. The work on pain management in prison is still on going. Dr Simpson further reported that the next FPM study day will be on opioids and Dr Gupta is currently working on the programme.

ACTION: FPM admin to send revalidation document to the Board.

6.2 New structure and membership of the FPMPSC.

Dr Simpson reported that teleconferences are no longer an effective way to hold the FPMPSC meetings so from this point onwards, all meetings will be held in-person on the Friday morning after the FPM Board meetings. Dr Simpson reported that: Dr Cathy Stannard will still attend the meetings by teleconference; Dr Colvin and Dr Price are now corresponding members; new members have been invited to join including Dr Robert Searle who will lead on revalidation issues and Dr Balasubramanian who will be a deputy education meetings advisor and that Dr Justins and Dr Laishley will no longer be on the Committee, Dr Simpson thanked them for their work on the Committee.

6.3 NPSA Spinal Needles

The Dean reported that two statements have been produced by the AAGBI/RCoA and others. The Board agreed that the Faculty should support the AAGBI statement.

ACTION: FPM admin to circulate statements to the Board

BFPM/02.13/7 TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

7.1 FPMTAC Minutes

Dr Grady reported that the FPMTAC membership has also been re-organised, with some new members; the meetings will continue to alternate between teleconference and in-person meetings.

7.2 FPMRCA Examination

Dr Grady reported that the second MCQ sitting has occurred, with a pass rate of 82% this equates to 18 successful candidates and the SOEs will be held in April. Dr Grady is writing an article on the exam for the next edition of Transmitter.

7.3 Case Reports

Dr Grady informed the Board that all case reports submitted with FPMRCA applications will now pass through the plagiarism software. There were some concerns at the late stage at which the case reports are checked for plagiarism. Dr Miller reported that the Assessment Working Party recommend that even with the exam, case reports should remain as they are an informative part of training.

7.4 Trainee Survey

Dr Baird reported that the survey will go out to trainees via survey monkey.

ACTION: All Board members to send any comments to Dr Baird and Mr Waeland.

7.5 Assessment Working Party

Dr Miller reported that the AWP had its first meeting and will be looking at all aspects of assessment and training. Work is being undertaken to rewrite the Higher and Advanced training guidelines as well as re-writing the training pages of the website. Dr Miller further reported that the Fellowship application is going to be streamlined as well as a possible further version of the logbook.

ACTION: All Board members to submit feedback to Dr Miller regarding what information they think should be collected by the trainees in their logbook.

7.6 Retraining in Pain Medicine for consultants

Dr Miller reported that he has received requests from colleagues regarding re-training in Pain Medicine. The Board agreed that the Faculty should have a statement with clear and detailed advice on this matter.

ACTION: Dr Miller to draft a statement on retraining in Pain Medicine and will circulate this to the Board for approval.

7.7 Wessex Pain Delivery Service

The Board discussed that pain Services are being de-commissioned in the Wessex region and this may be a problem for training both Advanced Pain Trainees and Intermediate Pain Training within the Anaesthesia CCT.

ACTION: the Dean to discuss further with the RCoA Training Committee Chair.

7.8 Curriculum Guidance Document

Dr Grady informed the Board that Dr Roger Okell has drafted a guidance document for Pain Trainees and Trainers; the document is not designed to replace the curriculum, it is only meant as supplementary guidance. The Board agreed that it is a good document and approved it.

7.9 RCPCH Pain Medicine Training

Dr Taylor reported that the RCPCH want to produce some standardized Pain Medicine training which could be delivered around the country to junior paediatricians; this would be in the form of a lecture course twice a year, supported by e-learning. The RCPCH want the Faculty to support and endorse this project; the Board agreed that once more information has been gathered, they would support this project.

ACTION: Dr Taylor to contact Dr Richard Howard of the RCPCH for more information.

BFBM/02.13/8 REGIONAL ADVISORS IN PAIN MEDICINE

Dr Miller reported that the next Regional Advisors Meeting will be during the BPS ASM in April 2013. After this, the RAPM meetings will be held concurrently with the RCoA RA meetings. There will still be an updates meeting at the BPS ASM each year, but this will not be one of the two formal RAPM meetings.

BFBM/02.13/09 FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

9.1 National Pain Audit

Dr Ward gave his apologies for the meeting so was unable to update.

BFBM/02.13/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 OOPT

Dr Baird reported that some trainees have been told they can only count 6 months of their overseas experience as Advanced Pain Training. The Board were of the view that 1 year was allowed and that Dr Nick Plunkett should be informed of this.

ACTION: Dr Baird to email details to Dr Plunkett.

10.2 Board Election Process

The Dean reported that the RCoA Council and FICM Board utilise email voting for when the Board votes for Dean and Vice Dean. Mr Waeland informed the Board that there would not need to be a change to the Faculty regulations for this to occur. The Board agreed to move to email voting.

ACTION: FPM Admin to set up election process

10.3 Last Board Meeting for Dr Laishley

The Board thanked Dr Laishley for his time on the Board and all his hard work and contributions to Pain Medicine and the College as a whole. Dr Laishley will remain involved in work on the logbook. The Board also discussed having a regular SAS member on the Board.

ACTION: FPM Admin to add to next Board Agenda

BFPM/02.13/11 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Terms of office of Regional Advisors in Pain Medicine

11.2 Terms of office of Faculty Officers Holders and Leads

11.3 Table of consultations

Consultation	Deadline	Submitted
(NICE) Healthcare Quality Standards Process Guide proposed update:	13 Mar 2012	NO
(GMC) Recognising and Approving Trainers	21 Mar 2012	YES
(BPS) Guideline for Pain on Older Adults	13 April 2012	YES
(BPS) Use of drugs beyond licence in palliative care and pain management	30 April 2012	YES
(CfWI) Shape of the Medical Workforce	30 April 2012	YES
(NICE) Headaches: guidelines consultation	07 June 2012	NO
(AoMRC) 7 day working	7 June 2012	YES
(DH) Long term conditions strategy	15 June 2012	YES
(BPS) Lumbar MBB and Radiofrequency	None stated	YES
(NICE) Neuropathic pain scope	9 July 2012	YES
(NHS) Developing our NHS care objectives	26 Sep 2012	YES
(Monitor) Guidance for commissioners	8 Nov 2012	
(NICE) Interventional procedures consultation	18 Dec 2012	
(Shape of training)	8 Feb 2012	

11.4 List of Publications and Releases

The Board noted the list of publications and releases.

BFPM/12.12/13 DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday 16 May 2013

Thursday 12 September 2013

Thursday 12 December 2013

Thursday 6 February 2014

Thursday 8 May 2014