



FACULTY OF PAIN MEDICINE

of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

Minutes of the Board meeting held on Thursday 27 February 2014

Members:

Dr K Grady	(Dean)
Dr M B Taylor	(Vice-Dean)
Dr B Collett	
Dr J Goddard	
Dr J Hughes	
Dr A Nicolaou	
Dr S Ward	
Dr E Baird	(Co-optee: Trainee representative) <i>via teleconference</i>
Dr W Campbell	(Co-optee: President, British Pain Society)
Dr L De Gray	(Co-optee: Chair, RAPMs)
Dr S Gilbert	(Co-optee: Lead Clinician for Chronic Pain, Scotland)
Ms C Green	(Co-optee: Lay representative, Patient Liaison Group)
Dr B Miller	(Co-optee: FPMTAC Chair)
Dr M Rockett	(Co-optee: Acute Pain lead)
Professor Sir M Grey	(Guest speaker)

Apologies:

Dr D Nolan
Professor D Rowbotham
Dr K Simpson

In attendance:

Ms S Drake	(Education and Research Director)
Mr D Waeland	(Head of Faculties)
Miss A Ripley	(Faculties Coordinator)
Miss D Evans	(Faculties Administrator)

BFPM/02.14/1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Dr Grady welcomed attendees to the meeting, particularly Dr Andy Nicolaou to his first meeting as a Board member. Apologies were noted as above.

BFPM/02.14/2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12 December 2013 were agreed as a true record of events, subject to some minor amendments.

BFPM/02.14/3 MATTERS ARISING

- The Board discussed Pain Medicine undergraduate training. Ms Drake informed the Board that the RCoA is trying to introduce some peri-operative sessions into the undergraduate curriculum and this is going to RCoA Council in March 2014 for approval. Pain Medicine could follow along the same route. The Board agreed that

an approach to the GMC would be strengthened if it comes from the BPS, RCGP and FPM; it was agreed that a jointly signed letter would be sent to the GMC highlighting the need for Pain Medicine training into the undergraduate curriculum.

ACTION: The Dean to draft a jointly signed letter to the GMC highlighting the need to enhance undergraduate Pain Medicine training

- The Dean reported that the Guardian article on Pain Medicine, as discussed at the last Board meeting, will not be happening due to lack of funding.

BFPM/02.14/4 DEAN'S STATEMENT

The Dean announced that Dr Andrew Lawson, a Fellow and friend and supporter of the Faculty had passed away. The Board stood to pay tribute and reflect.

4.1 Recruitment of SAS doctor to the Board

The Board discussed the nomination for the SAS Board representative and agreed that the candidate was suitable and should be co-opted for an initial period of one year.

ACTION: FPM admin to confirm in writing to the SAS nominee

4.2 Decanal visit to Sri Lanka

The Dean informed the Board that she attended the College of Anaesthetists Congress in Sri Lanka earlier this year; the Congress particularly promoted the Sri Lankan Faculty of Pain Medicine and Critical Care Medicine.

4.3 Diplomates ceremony

The Dean informed the Board that those who have achieved the FFPMRCA via examination and training will be presented at the RCoA Diplomates ceremony in May 2014. The Dean will present the awards. The Vice Dean will be in attendance

4.4 Letter to Ministry of Justice re Whiplash

The Dean reported that this letter was sent in response to a tightening up of medico-legal reporting for whiplash injury; the letter aimed to point out that FPM Fellows are fully trained and qualified to diagnose and treat chronic pain following whiplash injury.

4.5 Correspondence to NICE – Advancement of Pain Services

The Dean reported that a letter was sent to NICE asking them to look again at Pain Medicine and a potential quality standard for Pain Medicine. No response has been received as yet.

4.6 Guest speaker at next Board meeting

The Dean informed the Board that Dr Lesley Colvin will be attending the next meeting in May to discuss the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network SIGN Chronic Pain Management guidelines, of which she is Chair.

BFPM/02.14/5 FPM PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

5.1 FPMPS Minutes

The Board received the minutes of the last meeting.

- The CRPS guidelines are being reviewed again by the PSC for possible endorsement. Dr Taylor has been appointed as the FPM representative for when the document undergoes a re-write.

- The PSC is creating a communications policy to guide FPM representatives on guideline working parties as to how they should link back to the PSC and Board.
- The British Orthopaedic Association (BOA) low back pain guidelines are still removed from the BOA website; Mr Waeland, Dr Goddard and Dr Ward are meeting with the BOA in March to discuss the issue and how to move forward with endorsing BOA documents.
- PHE have awarded £50,000 for the Pain in Secure Environments project; Mr Waeland is currently creating a business plan for the project to present to PHE in order to clarify how much of these funds will be awarded to the FPM for the set up of the regional training.
- The Drugs and Driving legislation is going to Parliament in May 2014 and is likely to be implemented in September 2014. This is a very short timeframe and the FPM Fellows will need to be made aware of the changes. Dr Rob Searle is preparing draft statements.

5.2 Patient Information Leaflets Working Party

Dr Collett reported that there are now five draft leaflets which will be finalised at a meeting the day after the Board. The meeting will also decide how to disseminate the leaflets and also if the project should continue with further medication leaflets being created. Dr Collett informed the Board that Dr Nicolou and Dr Wilkinson are working on some information leaflets for interventions; they will be starting with one on facet joint injections, once this draft is done it will be circulated for comments.

5.3 Core Standards for Pain Management Services in the UK

Dr Collett reported that a document is going to be created on pain management services in the UK, led by Dr Anna Weiss. There was a recent scoping meeting at which format, scope and authors were agreed. There will be a section on in-patient services which will be created by Dr Rockett along with Dr Jane Quinlan and Dr Brigitta Brander. The standards will relate to other professionals, so there will be relevant representatives on the working group. 'Aspirational' standards will also be included.

5.4 Good Pain Doctor

Dr Collett presented a re-write of 'the Good Pain Doctor' document for ratification; this has been re-written to fit in with the GMC Good Medical Practitioner document. The Board had some minor amendments which will be sent to Dr Collett but approved the document on the whole. The Board wished to extend their appreciation to Dr Searle and Weiss for their hard work on re-writing the document.

ACTION: All Board members to send any changes to Dr Collett.

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FPM TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

6.1 FPMTAC Minutes

The Board received the minutes of the last meeting

- The work place based assessment guidance is now complete and will be put onto the website.
- There are four example case reports which will be put onto the website as guidance for trainees writing their own.
- The cancer pain training guidance has been put onto the website.

- The Fellowship routes have now all been streamlined. FFPMRCA can now only be achieved via the examination.
- The RAPMs are being asked to provide bi-annual reports on the trainees in their area, in the hope of OOPT and inter-deanery transfers being identified.

6.2 FFPMRCA examination

The examination prizes were agreed and have been added to the regulations; the prize winners are currently being informed.

6.2.2 Formation of exam question database

The Board noted the an exam database has been proposed by an independent group of consultants: Mr Waeland reported that the RCoA policy is not to get involved, so the Board agreed to do the same; Mr Waeland will however mention something at the Trainee meeting at the BPS ASM. The examiners have also been written to.

6.2.3 Question writer advert

The Board were informed that an advert will be going out for two new examiners as well as for three question writers. These will also be advertised for in the April *Transmitter*.

ACTION: FPM admin to put question writer advert in the April *Transmitter*

6.3 Workforce and Recruitment

Mr Waeland reported that the QA and Workforce working party has collected information on referral rates and this will be included in the April *Transmitter*. Mr Waeland further reported that recruitment information is being added to the website: this will be regional information for trainees on what training is available and what it is like in the different regions.

6.4 Trainee update

Dr Baird reported that feedback from the trainees has been mostly positive relating to the last exam. There will be a trainee meeting at the BPS ASM.

BFPM/02.14/7 POPULATION PAIN MEDICINE

Professor Sir Muir Grey presented his current and work history to the Board. His current focus is advancing population based systems of care, the Board discussed how this could be applied the Pain Medicine, Professor Grey offered to set up some joint working with NHS Choices and The FPM

ACTION: FPM admin to send Professor Grey the definition used to describe Pain Medicine.

BFPM/02.14/8 FPM BOARD BUSINESS AND UPDATES

8.1 Faculty Work Streams

Dr Grady presented a document of the current Faculty Work streams, the Board were asked to read the document and send any comments to The Dean and Mr Waeland.

ACTION: All Board members to read Work Streams document and send comments to the Dean and Mr Waeland.

8.2 National Pain Consortium and BPS/FPM executive

It was agreed that the consortium is an information sharing forum rather than a decision making platform.

8.3 Pain Summit: Complex Pain

Dr Nicolou reported that the survey has been piloted by some G.Ps and the feedback has been positive. The survey will be sent out via the RCGP imminently to ask if the questions are valuable and helpful. Once the survey results have been collated and the document finalised, it will come to the Board in September, to the Pain Summit in November with a full launch in December.

8.4 Regional Advisors in Pain Medicine

Dr De Gray reported that the first full meeting with her as the Chair will be held at the end of March. The results of the trainee survey are currently being investigated further; there was an issue raised relating to lack of psychology exposure.

8.5 National Pain Audit

Ms Drake informed the Board that the RCoA Education department could provide the infrastructure for the second audit, through the NAP administrators, via HQIP funding. Cathy Price is currently organising a meeting with the BPS to look at the scoping level of the next audit. The BPS are leading a meeting in March which will involve all of the stakeholders, to include the FPM.

8.6 Neuromodulation database

Dr Ward reported that work on the potential database is still on-going; the Board agreed that the data collected will be valuable. There are some outstanding issues to be resolved, such as funding. A web version of the registry is currently being built and Dr Ward will be able to look at this by the end of the month, he will report back at the next meeting.

8.7 Evidence base

Dr Ward informed the Board that Dr James Taylor is working on this with him. Work is currently going quite slowly but Dr Ward will move things forward.

8.8 Acute Pain

Dr Rockett presented a document to the Board outlining ways to engage more effectively with Acute Pain practitioners. A questionnaire has been created, which will be sent out to Acute Pain doctors, identified by the RAPMs. Once the results of the questionnaire are back, the Board can take engagement forward

ACTION: Dr Rockett to liaise with Dr de Gray to get the RAPM contacts

ACTION: FPM admin to turn questionnaire into survey monkey

8.9 Peri-operative pain

Ms Drake reported that the strategic group on peri-operative medicine met in January and Dr Rockett was the FPM representative to ensure Pain Medicine is included. The top priorities were identified and these will be taken to RCoA Council in March. Once approved, there will be 3 different work streams, with working groups organised to undertake each of these. The Board commented that it would be helpful to have a Pain Medicine representative on each of these work groups to ensure Pain Medicine is included. This is a long term project, with a predicted duration of five years.

8.10 Chronic Pain Scotland update

Dr Gilbert presented an update to the Board: the SIGN guidelines are now published,

there is also a report being published on the provision of pain services at the end of March. Dr Gilbert informed the Board that he will be stepping down from his current position and his successor will replace him on the Board.

8.11 e-Pain

Miss Evans reported that £20,000 has been given to use for promoting e-Pain, we need to work out how to best do this. Miss Evans further reported that the first two modules are now online and the third will be online mid March; the rest will go up by the end of the year.

8.12 Research/James Lind Alliance

Ms Drake informed the Board that the James Lind Alliance are drawing up the top 10 research areas in anaesthesia, peri-operative medicine and Pain Medicine; once these are identified, companies will be invited to tender to undertake the work streams. The Faculty will be helping to send out the survey to identify the 10 areas.

8.13 Essential Pain Management

Dr Grady informed the Board that the Faculty and the BPS are jointly running the Essential Pain Management courses. The AAGBI and RCoA have each given £9000 in funding for a two year project in Africa, in Uganda and Malawi in the first year and Liberia and Nigeria are being suggested for the second year.

8.14 Commissioning

Dr Collett reported that the pathfinder project stakeholders are meeting in March to discuss the project. Once the document is published, it will be sent to PHE with the aim of the CRGs implementing it. The Board agreed that they would like to approve the document before it is finalised.

ACTION: Dr Collett to send pathfinder document to Board for approval.

BFPM/02.14/10 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Terms of office of Regional Advisors in Pain Medicine

10.2 Table of consultations

10.3 List of Publications and Releases

BFPM/02.14/11 DATES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday 8 May 2014

Thursday 18 September 2014

Thursday 11 December 2014

Thursday 5 February 2015

ACTION POINTS

Item		Action	
3	Undergraduate training	The Dean	To draft a jointly signed letter to the GMC regarding undergraduate Pain Medicine training.
4	Recruitment of SAS doctor to the Board	FPM Admin	Confirm SAS nominee co-option to the Board
5.4	Good Pain Doctor	All Board	Send suggested changes to Dr Collett
6.2.3	Question writer advert	FPM Admin	Put question writer advert into April <i>Transmitter</i>
7	Population Pain Medicine	FPM Admin	Send Professor Sir Muir Gray Pain Medicine information
8.1	Faculty Work Streams	All Board	Send comments on work streams document to the Dean and Mr Waeland
8.8	Acute Pain	Dr Rockett	To get RAPM contact details from Dr De Gray
		FPM Admin	Turn questionnaire into survey monkey
8.14	Commissioning	Dr Collett	To share pathfinder document draft with FPM Board for approval