

School of Medicine Report for Training Committees and Faculty Groups: Latest News

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HEEoE Dean:

- The new Postgraduate Dean, Professor Bill Irish (bill.irish@nhs.net) has taken up his post as PGD and has also taken over from John Howard as HEEoE's Responsible Officer. We would like to welcome him to his new role and also to thank Jonathan Waller for all his support as the interim PGD
- Jonathan Waller (jonathan.waller@nhs.net) is the Deputy Dean responsible for the School of Medicine

GMC Visit to HEEoE

- The GMC are visiting HEEoE this Autumn; I will be meeting with the Quality Team next week and will let everyone know if we need to do anything as a School to prepare for this

Regional Study Leave Budget (FfIT)

- We have been allocated c£100k for 2015/16
- Last year we allocated about two thirds of this to simulation. There is a separate budget this year for simulation so the regional study leave budget is available for other uses such as enhancement of regional training (which is an area where we tend to perform badly in the GMC trainee survey)

Quality Criteria

- Following the successful launch of the CMT Quality Criteria earlier this year, there is a group at the JRCPTB working on similar criteria for higher trainees
- The purpose of these criteria is to drive up and maintain the quality of training we offer. Can all RCP College Tutors please evaluate their own Trust's performance against the criteria and start work on addressing any shortfalls
- There were a series of Specialty Specific Questions mapped to the CMT Quality Criteria in the last GMC trainee survey. An analysis of the responses by Trust will be available shortly

Simulation

- HEEoE is about to launch its simulation strategy as part of which a Simulation Board will be established; I have been appointed as Associate Dean responsible for simulation and will chair the Board
- HEEoE's Simulation Budget (for all specialties and disciplines) for 2015/16 is c£500k – this budget is for revenue and not for capital costs
- Although we are at the forefront of delivering simulation training to core medical trainees, we deliver very little to higher trainees and it would be useful if STCs could consider whether there is a place for simulation in their specialties. The simulation lead for the School is Andy Douds (andrew.douds@gehkl.nhs.uk), who will coordinate any bids for funding. If you have any ideas you want to pursue can you please inform him

Shape of Training (SoT):

- The JRCPTB's latest proposals can be found on the School of Medicine Homepage
- The proposals are currently being discussed with HEE (who have been charged by the DH with implementing the SoT)

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- The proposals include a new flexible curriculum for internal medicine and a major change in assessment methodology to the **“Assessment of a Competent Physician”**
 - based on an evidence-based concept of “Entrustable Professional Activities”
 - Aligned to GMC’s plan to include “Generic Professional Capabilities” in curricula
 - 14 broad areas assessed e.g. ability to manage acute take
 - 4 levels of competence ranging from the trainee having observed it to the trainee being able to conduct it unsupervised
 - Assessment will be via MCRs
 - Should reduce overall assessment burden
 - A new SAC for Internal Medicine has been created

External Advisor Guidelines

- These have been updated; the latest update can be found on the School of Medicine Homepage

LATs:

- It is looking increasingly likely that there will be no new LATs appointed in England from August 2016

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