

MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Edited Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 December 2014
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 J A Langton
Dr L Brennan	Dr J Colvin
Dr P Venn	Dr N Penfold
Dr D Nolan	Dr E J Fazackerley
Professor J R Sneyd	Dr S Fletcher
Dr A Batchelor	Professor M Mythen
Professor D Rowbotham	Dr P Kumar
Professor R Mahajan	Dr G Collee
Dr D Whitaker	Dr J-P Lomas
Dr R Verma	Dr R Darling
Dr R J Marks	Dr I Johnson
Dr T Clutton-Brock	Dr M Nevin/Dr D Selwyn
Dr J Nolan	Dr K Ferguson (representing Dr A Hartle)

Ms I Dalton, RCoA Lay Committee
Dr A-M Rollin, Clinical Quality Advisor

In attendance: Mr K Storey, Mr C McLaughlan, Ms S Drake, Mr R Bryant, Ms L Hart, Ms A Regan and Ms M Burke.

Apologies for absence: Dr K Grady, Dr V R Alladi, Dr A Hartle.

EXTERNAL STRATEGY

Professor Rowbotham gave a presentation on the work of Clinical Senates, focussing primarily on the East Midlands Clinical Senate of which he is Co-Chair. The following points were raised in the ensuing discussion:

- How Senates demonstrate value for money by resolving situations.
- The variability of output amongst Clinical Senates.
- Situations in which one Clinical Senate may undertake work in an area other than that for which it is responsible.
- What happens if the question asked by sponsors is not the right question. Senates do turn down requests.
- Whether or not advice produced by Clinical Senates is in the public domain. Whilst the majority is in the public domain, some advice is withheld if, for example, to offer open access would impact on solving difficulties in another area.
- The influence of local politics on large scale service change and how senates must understand the drivers for this.
- Trusts' view of time away from the Trust to undertake Clinical Senate work. The East Midlands had not yet struggled to convene a panel.

COUNCIL IN DISCUSSION

CID/51/2014 President's Opening Statement

1. The President welcomed:
 - a. Dr Kathleen Ferguson, representing Dr Andrew Hartle.
 - b. Ms Lorraine Hart, Lay Committee member.

- c. Ms Maria Burke, Training Supervisor.
2. Congratulations were offered to Dr Peter Nightingale who has been appointed Chairman of the Devices Expert Advisory Committee of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).
 3. Special thanks were offered to Dr Alladi for his hard work in relation to the highly successful three day meeting held in Manchester.
 4. Gratitude was expressed to Dr Nevin who was attending his last meeting of Council before moving overseas. Dr Selwyn would succeed Dr Nevin as Lead Clinical Director.
 5. The President announced the deaths of Dr Stephen Ridgway, Dr Elizabeth Duane, Dr James Hunter and Dr Vijay Ahuja. Council stood in memory.
 6. Successful candidates in the recent Council election, Dr William Harrop-Griffiths and Dr Jaideep Pandit, would take up office in March 2015.
 7. Thanks were expressed to Ms Emma Bennett, Mr Mohammed Sadek and the Facilities team for an excellent Christmas dinner.
 8. Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk through Audits and Confidential Enquiries across the UK (MBRRACE-UK) had launched its triennial report. Key issues and findings in relation to anaesthesia related to the standards of monitoring when recovering obstetric patients in the recovery area, multidisciplinary team working and how anaesthetists are involved in the care of the critically ill obstetric patient, use of skills and drills in order to avoid errors, airway and ventilation issues, and use of Thiopental. Council and the profession need to give consideration about whether or not a statement is required in relation to the use of Thiopental in obstetric anaesthesia. The report will be taken to the Safe Anaesthesia Liaison Group (SALG) to take the recommendations forward.

<p>Action: Council to consider whether or not a statement is required in relation to the use of Thiopental in obstetric anaesthesia.</p>

9. A thank you letter had been received from the Iraqi government regarding the Royal College of Anaesthetists' (RCoA) support for training.
10. The President, Professor Sneyd and Dr Colvin had attended the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists (HKCA) and the 60th Anniversary Meeting of the Society of Anaesthetists of Hong Kong. A separate meeting had been held with the HKCA to discuss collaborative working. It was felt discussion had moved on to a much wider range of issues rather than focussing primarily on examinations. It was also felt that the relationship between the two Colleges had progressed to more of a partnership.
11. The President and Chief Executive had met with representatives from the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* to discuss whether the RCoA would support one of the *BMJ* Awards in 2016. The investment required would be £18,000 including VAT. It had been explained that the RCoA would wish to see more outputs if it were to support an award and certainly would want more than a flat output, i.e. something with longevity which would bring added value to the College and the profession and could be utilised over a period of time.
12. The Senior Fellows Club had met the previous week.
13. Ms Shelagh Morris from NHS England had met representatives of the College to discuss extending prescribing for non-medical professionals. The issues surrounding Physicians' Assistants (Anaesthesia) (PA(A)) and prescribing were brought to Ms Morris' attention.
14. A meeting had taken place with Mr Peter Ellingworth, Chief Executive of the Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI). The ABHI is keen to explore opportunities for collaboration in the areas of safety, research and education. Mr Ellingworth would be invited to present to SALG and to set up clear lines of communications for issues such as pre-filled syringes. ABHI is very interested in device and technology related education.
15. The President and Dr Carolyn Evans had met the Chair of the Medical Women's Federation, Dr Sally Davies, to discuss what the College does with regards to less than full time working and women in the workplace. Dr Davies considered the RCoA and the profession to be exemplars in the way they support less than full time workers particularly in their educational strategy for returning to work.

16. There would be a meeting the following day with Mr Simon Stevens to look at the NHS five year plan and the barriers to change. Mr Stevens had been sent a briefing paper on the perioperative medicine agenda.
17. Congratulations were offered to Ms Emma Bennett who had been awarded a PhD.
18. The President updated Council on staff changes:
 - a. Ms Emma Wood has joined the Events Team as Events Co-ordinator.

CID/52/2014 NHS Confederation Meeting on the Urgent Care Review

Dr J Nolan presented a report of the meeting held on 4 December 2014, and strongly suggested that Council should read *Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care Services in England Phase 1 Report November 2013* as it has significant implications for the specialty. The main potential impact on anaesthesia and critical care arises from the proposal to create major emergency centres versus emergency centres. It was noted that the former would now be called specialist emergency centres. The serious questions are around exactly what services will be provided in standard emergency centres. There has been discussion about regionalising, for example, emergency laparotomies; if that was to happen it would have a major impact. Dr Nolan was unclear how an intensive care unit could be sustained in a hospital that shipped out such cases. Removing emergency surgical work out of critical care may make it difficult to maintain a momentum amongst intensivists to look after predominantly level 2 medical patients within an intensive care workforce.

Council discussed:

- The lack of infrastructure to support the changes.
- Whether or not the plans would be shelved with a change of government.
- The need to know whether it makes a difference to patient safety and outcomes.
- Whether or not problems arise at the beginning or end of the patient pathway, or both.
- Recognition of the major upheaval this would have to the workforce, especially trainees.
- The idea of moving training posts from secondary to primary is fundamentally flawed.

CID/53/2014 NCEPOD Annual General Meeting and Steering Group

Dr Fazackerley gave a report of the meetings held on 27 November 2014, drawing Council's attention to the following:

- New Chair to be appointed in 2015.
- Report launches.
- Expansion into child health work.
- Current studies.
- Future projects.
- Surgical outcome risk tool (SORT).

CID/54/2014 Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland President's Report

Dr Ferguson presented the President's report in Dr Hartle's absence. Dr Ferguson additionally reported on an issue in obstetric units in the Republic of Ireland where single trainees are being used for different specialties at the same time.

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) will set up a working party to look at suicides in anaesthetists.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

CB/157/2014 Council Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 were approved.

CB/158/2014 Matters Arising

Review of Action Points

- *CID/43/2014 President's Opening Statement.* Ms Regan would circulate the remaining date upon which a speaker is required for Keele.

Action: Ms Regan to circulate remaining date upon which a speaker is required for Keele.

- *CID/47/2014 Obstetric Update.* Drs Venn and Verma had not yet discussed whether maternity critical care should be included as part of Anaesthesia Clinical Services Accreditation (ACSA).

Action: Drs Venn and Verma to discuss whether maternity critical care should be included as part of ACSA.

The President suggested that consideration regarding a maternity critical care syllabus should be put on hold until the MBRRACE-UK report had been considered.

- *CB/152/2014 Faculty of Pain Medicine* Dr Grady had sent apologies for the meeting.

Action: Dr Grady to provide an update on feeding back comments regarding to the Voluntary Register to the Board.

All other actions had been completed.

CB/159/2014 Regional Advisers

There were no appointments or reappointments.

CB/160/2014 Deputy Regional Advisers

There were no appointments or reappointments.

CB/161/2014 College Tutors

Council considered the following appointments:

South East Scotland

Dr A M Paul (Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh) in succession to Dr I de Beaux **Agreed**

West of Scotland

Dr P O'Neil (Royal Alexandra Hospital) in succession to Dr F Burns **Agreed**

Wales

Dr O B McIntyre (Morrison Hospital) in succession to Dr C Terblanche **Agreed**

West Midlands North

Dr H Murally (University Hospital of North Staffordshire) in succession to Dr B Murali **Agreed**

CB/162/2014 Bernard Johnson Adviser

Dr Su Underwood has been appointed Bernard Johnson Adviser for less than full time training via a competitive process and would take up post in February 2015.

CB/163/2014 Head of Schools

There were no appointments to note.

CB/164/2014 Training Committee

(i) Chairman of the Training Committee's Update

Dr Penfold reported the following:

- There are two parallel work streams on workplace based assessment and the curriculum review group. It was hoped the review would be completed by April 2015 with a report being presented to Council in either April or May 2015.

Council discussed the following:

- Research training and the possibility of including common narrative across the specialties when the curriculum is reviewed.

- The Chief Medical Officer's (CMO) concern that the Shape of Training may damage academic training for academic staff but also research readiness of NHS consultants.
- A suggestion that the curriculum is too long and complicated. It was explained that the current work is not a complete rewrite of the curriculum. It is about clarifying areas of confusion and making it more user friendly.
Problems with the Acute Care Common Stem (ACCS) website which the RCoA would probably host.

(i) 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.

London

Dr Michael Philip Ings
Dr Catherine Anna Meer
Dr Clare Michelle Windsor*

Imperial

Dr Katherine Jane Bexon

North Central

Dr Ping-Yi Kuo
Dr Robert James Pilling

Tri Services

Dr Richard Charles Reed

Barts and the London

Dr Chhaya Vaishali Sharma

Wales

Dr Stanley Jose

South East

Dr Tauqeer Husain
Dr Nishant Sadana

Wessex

Dr Andrew Nicholas Vaughton
Dr Kathryn Jane Donovan
Dr Nigel Malcolm Chee*
Dr Adrian View-Kim Wong*
Dr Maqbool Jaffer

Northern Ireland

Dr Shaun O'Connor

West Midlands

North West

Dr Inas Ahmed
Dr Vandana Sharad Betharia
Dr Anju Anne Bendon
Dr Ming Wilson
Dr Claire Baylis

Warwickshire

Dr Joanna Heather Mackie
Dr Chandrashekar Vaidyanath
Dr Sumanna Sankaran

South East Scotland

Dr Sarah Jane Cross

West of Scotland

Dr Sabah Mohamad Munshi
Dr Julie Caroline Robertson
Dr Udupi Guruaj Bhatt

Severn

Dr Natasha Anika Joshi

Yorkshire and Humber

Sheffield

West Yorkshire (Leeds/Bradford)

Dr Sangeeta Das

CB/165/2014 Safe Anaesthesia Liaison Group

The Chairman, Dr Clutton-Brock, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2014 drawing Council's attention to:

- SALG/66/2014 Matters Arising from the Minutes.
 - Reformed small-bore connector group.
 - Tracheal stenosis after short term intubation.
 - Children and young people patient safety expert group.

- Surgical Never Events Task force.
- SALG/68/2014 Royal College of Physicians' Patient Safety Committee.
- SALG/69/2014 Epidural and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) workgroups.
- SALG/70/2014 Anaesthesia, Safe Today, Safer Tomorrow.
- SALG/73/2014 Rule 28 letter.
- SALG/75/2014 Sign up to Safety campaign.
- SALG/76/2014 Increased voltage button battery ingestion in infants.
- SALG/78/2014 Implementation of National Audit Project (NAP) 5 recommendations. Advice on driving after anaesthesia will be updated. It was pointed out that insurance policies may stipulate when one can drive after anaesthesia.

CB/166/2014 Examinations Committee

Dr Brennan presented the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- EX/60/2014 College support for professional leave for examiners. Dr Brennan would raise updating the standard letter of support at the President's Meeting.

Action: Dr Brennan to raise updating the standard letter of support at the President's Meeting.

- EX/59/14 Validity of the Irish Primary as an Exempting Examination for the Final FRCA.
- EX/64/14 Election of New Examiners.

Council agreed the motions as listed under M/50/2014.

CB/167/2014 Quality Management of Service Committee

The Chairman, Dr Venn, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- The Committee's name will now change to the Quality Management of Service Working Group and it will be answerable to the Professional Standards Committee.
- A new structure had been through the Finance Committee detailing a new four tier subscription system for ACSA.
- Dr Venn has stepped down as Chairman of ACSA. Dr Fletcher would be his successor. The President and Council expressed their appreciation to Dr Venn for the huge amount of work and effort he had invested in developing the ACSA agenda.
- *Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services (GPAS)* is being revised for 2015. Chapters would be published on the website for review in the near future. It was requested that specific reference be made in the updated GPAS document to the scope of practice of PA(A)s and how they can contribute to strengthening the College's efforts to push them forward. It was agreed that Dr Collee should suggest to Professor Mahajan where this could be included in the 2016 edition.

Action: Dr Collee to suggest to Professor Mahajan where this could be included in the 2016 edition.

- The Annual ACSA day in February 2015 would be used to look at creating any new standards arising out of GPAS 2015.
- A successful annual reviewers day had been held in October.
- Work on domain five, the subspecialty areas, is now progressing.

CB/168/2014 Finance Committee

The Chairman, Professor Rowbotham, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- F73/2014 *British Journal of Anaesthesia*.
- F77/2014 College's financial position.
- F82/2014 *Technology Strategic Review*. The accommodation project will not be progressed until it is known how much is required to fix the IT situation. It was suggested that scoping work for the accommodation project could continue in the background. It was also suggested that if building costs continue to rise, consideration should be given to moving to a new building rather than redeveloping the existing one.

- Professor Rowbotham reported that the RCoA is falling behind other Colleges in terms of having a modern governing body. The President responded that one of the key discussions for 2015 is the development of a Board of Trustees.

CB/169/2014 Equivalence Committee

The Chairman, Dr Collee, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November. Five applications had been considered, one of which was supported.

CB/170/2014 Education Committee

The Chairman, Dr J Nolan, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- *EC/91/14 Technology Strategy Review.* Dr Nolan was asked how other members of Council could feed into the strategy group. It was explained that the meeting in January would produce a report including a series of recommendations. Council would see those recommendations along with an options appraisal with costed options. Everything would be fed back to Council in terms of input.
- *EC/88/141 Simulation Strategy* A survey is being drafted for circulation to Regional Advisers and College Tutors to assess what training in simulation is currently available. It is hoped that it will be circulated by the end of the year.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

I/32/2014 Publications

Council received, for information, the list of publications received in the President's Office.

I/33/2014 Consultations

Council received, for information, the list of current consultations.

I/34/2014 New Associate Fellows, Members and Associate Members

Council noted, for information, the following:

Associate Members:

Dr Ciprian Calin Cociuba – Dorset County Hospital
 Dr Pushprendra Singh Mehlatat – South Tyneside District Hospital
 Dr Rosalba Spiritoso – Royal Brompton Hospital
 Dr Mohammed Naushad – Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
 Dr Charuta Prafullachandra Kanade – Hereford County Hospital

To receive for information the following doctors have been put on the Voluntary Register:

Dr Gavin Thomas Sheddan – Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow
 Dr Baber Zaheer – Darent Valley Hospital, Dartford
 Dr Sampa Anupurba – Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital
 Dr Athina Kakavouli – The Heart Hospital, UCLH
 Dr David Jeremiah Cronin – Gloucester Royal Hospital
 Dr Jessica De Bois – Kingston Hospital
 Dr Divya Mano Shruthi Pakalapati – Southmead Hospital
 Dr Ioanna Androne – Addenbrooke's Hospital
 Dr Chiara Maria Pieretti – Northwick Park Hospital
 Dr Liliana Dobroslawa Czukowska-Milanova – The Christie Hospital
 Dr Ida Forro – East Surrey Hospital
 Dr Jamshid Ali – Essex Cardiothoracic Centre

Membership Category Progression

Members

Dr Alan James Slater – FRCA Primary
 Dr Kunal Nirmalkant Waghmare - European Diploma in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care

Associate Members

Dr Indre Kriukelyte – Gwynedd Hospital, Bangor
Dr Mohamed Ahmed Ghazi Suliman – Aintree University Hospital
Dr Nadya Atanasova Gabrovska – Hospital unknown
Dr Josef Vorel – Hospital unknown
Dr Ewa Bozena Miller-Jastrzebska – Hospital unknown
Dr Christina Galatou – Hospital unknown
Dr Hesham Mamdouh Zaki Saad – Hospital unknown
Dr Manfredas Liutkus – Hospital unknown
Dr Pritanthy Nadarajah – Hospital unknown
Dr Syed Sameer Ahmed – Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr Dalia Essam Eissa – Hospital unknown
Dr Sherif Ahmed Fouad Mohamed Omran – Hospital unknown
Dr Arjun Alva – Hospital unknown
Dr Vara Prasada Subrahmanya Raju Sagi - Hospital unknown
Dr Abirami Perumal Kanniappan – Hospital unknown
Dr Thomas Gordon Robertson – Hospital unknown
Dr Galatea Gabriela Iegariu – Hospital unknown
Dr Sarah Margaret Bates – Hospital unknown
Dr Laxminarayana Murthy Narayan – Hospital unknown
Dr Daniel Burlacu – Hospital unknown
Dr Kanwaldeep Kaur – Hospital unknown
Dr Sudeep Krishnappa – Hospital unknown
Dr Ndollo Eyango Eboumbou – Hospital unknown
Dr Aniko Frigyik – Hospital unknown
Dr Adam Christopher Woodgate – Hospital unknown

I/35/2014 Academy of Medical Royal Colleges

Council received, for information, a summary of the Council meeting held on 18 November 2014.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING STATEMENT

PCS/11/2014 President's Closing Statement

1. The next meeting of Council will be Wednesday 14 January 2015.
2. The perioperative medicine agenda would be launched in January.
3. Invitations for the President's Dinner have been distributed.

MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

M/48/2014 Council Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 be approved.

M/49/2014 College Tutors

Resolved: That the following appointments be approved:

South East Scotland

Dr A M Paul (Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh) in succession to Dr I de Beaux

West of Scotland

Dr P O'Neil (Royal Alexandra Hospital) in succession to Dr F Burns

Wales

Dr O B McIntyre (Morrison Hospital) in succession to Dr C Terblanche

West Midlands North

Dr H Murally (University Hospital of North Staffordshire) in succession to Dr B Murali

M/50/2014 Examinations Committee

Resolved: The MCAI to cease being recognised as an Exempting Qualification for the Final FRCA. (Appendix A).The Examinations Regulations, paragraph 19(a) (i) (Exemptions) to be amended with immediate effect:

“.....the Primary or Membership examination for the Fellowship of the Faculty or the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland before December 2014”. (7 year validity will apply to exam applicants who sat the exam before recognition lapsed).

Resolved: Subject to Council approval the following examiners will extend their term of examinership by one year to August 2016:

Dr Laurence Cook, Dr David Mulvey, Dr Mary Mushambi, Dr Debbie Nolan, Dr Mick Serpell and Dr Gary Enever.

Resolved: Subject to Council approval the following examiners will extend their term of examinership for one further year, completing 12 years in total to August 2016:

Dr Craig Bailey, Dr Andy Lumb, Dr Tim Smith, Dr Campbell Edmondson and Dr Alex Patrick.