

MEETING OF COUNCIL

**Edited minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 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 D M Nolan
Dr L Brennan
Professor J R Sneyd
Dr A Batchelor
Dr K Grady
Professor D Rowbotham
Professor R Mahajan
Dr P Venn
Dr D Whitaker
Dr R Verma
Dr R J Marks
Dr T H Clutton-Brock

Dr J Nolan
Dr J A Langton
Dr J Colvin
Dr V R Alladi
Dr E J Fazackerley
Dr S Fletcher
Professor M Mythen
Dr P Kumar
Dr G Collee
Dr J-P Lomas
Dr I Johnson
Dr D Selwyn
Dr I Walker (AAGBI)

Mrs I Dalton, RCoA Patient Liaison Group
Dr A-M Rollin, Professional Standards Advisor

In attendance: Mr K Storey, Mr C McLaughlan, Ms S Drake and Ms A Regan.

Apologies for absence: Dr N Penfold, Dr R Darling, Dr W Harrop-Griffiths, Dr M Nevin and Mr R Bryant.

PRESENTATION

P/4/2014 External Strategy Discussion

Mr Nishan Sunthares, Commercial Director, and Dr William Wynn-Jones, Clinical Fellow, of the Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) gave a presentation to introduce and explain the role and strategy of the ABHI. The ABHI already has links with other Colleges and is keen to establish links with the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA).

The ensuing discussion included:

- How the ABHI can support a clinician wishing to innovate and develop an innovative device to market.
- How the ABHI works with the profession and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) to ensure buy-in from the profession when clinicians feel a device is contrary to their experiences whilst delivering healthcare at the coalface.
- The need to bring together the various bodies trying to introduce new technologies into the National Health Service (NHS).
- The availability of research funding to bring products through the regulatory stage but the lack of funding for post-market research and providing the ongoing evaluation required by the NHS.
- Clinicians' lack of understanding of the procurement process and the ABHI's wish to hold engagement events to help both parties understand procurement and regulatory standards.
- Pre-filled syringes for common anaesthetic drugs.

- The ABHI's willingness to engage on issues highlighted as important by the RCoA.
- The disproportionate funding between device regulation and pharma regulation and discussions about the form and function of device regulation in the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).
- The role the RCoA could play in educating trainees about the role of the MHRA including the possibility of a College/MHRA Fellowship in Devices.
- Lack of funding for clinicians to attend standards meetings.
- Non-Luer lock connectors.
- Examples of the ABHI's work with other Colleges.
- The RCoA's wish for the two organisations to have a proactive rather than reactive relationship.
- Membership criteria for companies joining the ABHI and the process when things go wrong with member organisations.

It was concluded that future collaborative work could include an article in the *Bulletin* and teaching/meetings arrangements with the profession in respect of how industry and the profession can work better together.

COUNCIL IN DISCUSSION

CID/15/2014 President's Opening Statement

1. Dr Isabeau Walker, Vice-President of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland (AAGBI), representing Dr Harrop-Griffiths, was welcomed to Council.
2. The President announced the death of Dr Peter North. Council stood in memory.
3. Dr Holger Petry's death had been announced in error at the March meeting of Council. The minutes had been updated, an apology sent to Dr Petry and a retraction placed in the *Bulletin*.
4. Council considered the length and content of Council minutes. The current length makes it difficult for all members to accurately read them thus increasing the chance of errors remaining uncorrected. Council expressed different opinions ranging from a request for a sharper shorter version to a verbatim version which maintains history and allows future generations to see the decision making process. It was suggested that an audio recording of the minutes be kept securely in the archives with a summary of discussion and conclusions available on paper. It was also suggested that the end of every item should include action points and decisions. The importance of noting the range of opinion was recognised so the Fellowship can see that contrary points of view have been considered. The President summarised a general view that minutes could be shortened with actions/decisions contained in the minutes.

Decision: Minutes to be shortened with actions/decisions contained in the minutes.

Action: Ms Regan

5. The Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards finalised results had been published. Anaesthesia received one platinum, three gold, five silver and eight bronze awards. 15 of the 17 successful applicants had been supported by the RCoA. It was hoped news about the next round would be available following a meeting with ACCEA on 10 June 2014. It was suggested that the University of Durham should speak to the South West Region regarding its ACCEA process as part of the scrutiny exercise. The President was asked to suggest that the study be expanded to include the Trust process but responded that it was not within the terms of reference. *Post-meeting note: the researchers have confirmed that the study includes the process for local awards.*

Decision: University of Durham project leads to be introduced to South West Region Regional Assessors.

Action: Ms Regan

6. A plan has been made to ensure the 2015 election of President and Vice-Presidents would be totally confidential.

7. National Audit Project (NAP) 5 would be published jointly by the RCoA and AAGBI. Three papers would be jointly published by the *British Journal of Anaesthesia (BJA)* and *Anaesthesia* as an online supplement.
8. The President and Professor Mythen had met NHS Innovation to discuss the inclusion of intraoperative fluid management into the surgical checklist. They had persuaded them not to include it as it is already in the checklist twice. The important thing is to emphasise that departments should have their own algorithms, plans, education etc. but beyond that the checklist is adequate. The RCoA had also made the point that the use of technology to enforce intraoperative fluid management was misplaced and people should be encouraged to read the key paragraph in the NICE guidelines.
9. The annual meeting with the Welsh Chief Medical Officer (CMO) had centred on issues including the RCoA's concerns around reconfiguration, the provision of anaesthesia in remote sites and the removal of obstetric services in some areas.
10. Positive feedback had been received about Diplomates' Day.
11. The President had met with Dr Maguire from the British Medical Association's (BMA) Consultants Committee. There has been no real progress on consultant and junior doctor contracts negotiations; the sticking points being the starting point of the consultant salary, automatic pay progression and supplementary pay for unsocial hours working.
12. The UK Shape of Training Implementation Group has a plan in place to shape the delivery as well as a financial plan and cost/benefit analysis.
13. The Council Away Weekend was very successful and well organised by Drs Penfold and Fazackerley.
14. The BJA Directors had met. There is a continuing development plan in terms of the journal going to fully electronic and open access. There are also strong plans ahead to make *Continuing Education in Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain (CEACCP)* fully electronic within a relatively short time span; this would have to be phased in as many Fellows like to receive a printed version. The investment policy of the BJA continues to improve.
15. The President updated Council on staff changes:
 - a. Mr Paul Grocott has joined as Senior Examinations Administrator covering for Ms Chloe Scrivener's maternity leave.
 - b. Ms Maria Burke has been appointed Faculties Co-ordinator.
 - c. Ms Sonia Larsen has joined the College as Interim Media Manager

CID/16/2014 Architects' Proposals

Mr Storey gave a presentation of proposals for development of the building. It was noted that Dr Tom Pierce, the College's Sustainability Adviser, had been included at all stages. It was pointed out that giving consideration to temperature, light and noise was important. Timing of the construction would be vital; the building could probably continue to be used by staff but not for examinations. Mr Storey agreed to circulate the slide set to Council.

Decision: Slide set to be circulated to Council.

Action: Mr Storey

CID/17/2014 Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine

Council agreed version 3 of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine regulations which make provision for the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health as a parent College.

CID/18/2014 Replacement Certificate

Council agreed that a replacement FRCA certificate should be issued to Dr Shane John George.

CID/19/2014 Faculty of Pain Medicine

Council approved Version 9.2 of the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists' regulations which would enable the term of office for Vice-Dean to be extended to three terms of twelve months.

CID/20/2014 Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland President's Report

Dr Walker reported that the AAGBI had been pleased to see a patient safety alert about residual anaesthetic drugs and cannulae.

A number of surveys had indicated people's awareness of the revised machine checklist but in practice there is uncertainty around whether people both understand and are compliant with the revised recommendations.

A short-life working party on neuraxial blocks has been formed.

There are ongoing meetings with the MHRA about an anaphylaxis database which would complement NAP6. It was suggested that the AAGBI might wait until after NAP6 and produce it as a rapid response to a NAP6 recommendation.

The Group of Anaesthetists in Training (GAT) has raised concerns about the appropriate level 2/3 supervision of trainees when consultants are largely working single handed. It also has concerns about less than full time trainees being able to undertake less than full time training. These issues would be brought to the Training Committee.

The AAGBI has decided to support the FIPO appeal about the capping of fees for private practice.

Dr Walker expressed her gratitude to the RCoA for its support for Lifebox. There are ongoing discussions with Dr Jo James about a Lifebox fellowship.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

CB/62/2014 Council Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2014 were approved.

CB/63/2014 Matters Arising

(i) Review of Action Points

CB/52/2014 Dr Langton would present an options appraisal regarding the CPD matrix at the June meeting of Council. All other actions were complete.

CB/64/2014 Regional Advisers

Council considered the following re-appointment:

East of Scotland

Dr W McClymont, Regional Adviser, East of Scotland **Agreed**

CB/65/2014 Deputy Regional Advisers

Council considered the following appointments/re-appointments (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

Northern

*Dr T Meek, Deputy Regional Adviser, Northern **Agreed**

North Thames Central

Dr S Chievely-Williams, Deputy Regional Adviser, North Thames Central **Agreed**

Wales

*Dr K Eggers, Deputy Regional Adviser, Wales **Agreed**

CB/66/2014 College Tutors

Council considered making the following appointments/re-appointments (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

Anglia

Dr J Lermite (Peterborough & Stamford Hospital NHSFT) in succession to Dr A K Gregg **Agreed**

East Yorkshire

Dr M Mallick (Hull Royal Infirmary) in succession to Dr C R Snowdon **Agreed**

Northern Ireland

*Dr R O Laird (Altnagelvin Hospital) **Agreed**

North Thames West

Dr M Kumar (Watford General Hospital) 2nd Tutor post **Agreed**

North Thames Central

Dr V Patil (King George's Hospital) in succession to Dr J Jovaisa **Agreed**

*Dr R Sharma (Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital) **Agreed**

North Thames East

Dr S K Pattnaik (Queens Hospital) in succession to Dr K Raveendran **Agreed**

*Dr A Shah (Homerton University Hospital) **Agreed**

Wessex

Dr S Shankar (Basingstoke Hospital and North Hampshire Hospital) in succession to Dr J C G Bell **Agreed**

West Midlands South

Dr D Khare (George Eliot Hospital) in succession to Dr S Feaver **Agreed**

South Thames East

Dr K Mukadam (King's College Hospital) in succession to Dr A Turvey **Agreed**

CB/67/2014 Head of Schools

There were no appointments this month.

CB/68/2014 Training Committee

(i) Chairman of the Training Committee's Update

Dr Fazackerley, in Dr Penfold's absence, reported that two short life working parties had been established; one to look at perioperative medicine, the other to look at specialty specific questions for the GMC Survey.

The curriculum survey had generated a 41% return. Dr Aiden Devlin would present the results at the College Tutors' meeting.

The RAG rating chart for the e-portfolio is completely green. Thanks were expressed to Mr Andy Leabourne.

(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.

London

South East

Dr Sophie Shapter
Dr Uttam Bhandari

North Central

Dr Yosha Prasad

Bart's and The London

Dr Junia Rashman

Imperial

Dr Nicola Pearson
Dr Nhathien Nguyen-Lu

Northern

Dr Catherine Gibson
Dr Paula Morris

Northern Ireland

Dr Alison Cooke

South West Peninsula

Dr James Simpson
Dr Frances Smith

Tri-Services

Dr Ian Ewington *

Wessex

Dr Thomas Green
Dr Joy Dawes
Dr Richard Clinton *

West Midlands

Birmingham

Dr Suji Abraham

Yorkshire

South Yorkshire (Sheffield)

Dr Matthew Smith
Dr James Garrod *
Dr Bisanth Batuwitige
Dr Kris Siv arajan
Dr Resma Bhosale

CB/69/2014 Anaesthesia Related Professionals Committee

The Chairman, Dr Batchelor, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- ARPC 04/2014 (ARPC 2013) *Matters Arising from Previous Minutes*
- ARPC 05/2014 *University of Birmingham Update Physician's Assistants (Anaesthesia) (PA(A)s)*
- ARPC 06/2014 *Report from the Association of PA(A)s*
- ARPC 08/2014 *Clinical Leads Advanced Critical Care Practitioners (ACCP) - Update*

It was noted that the use of non-medical staff to provide medical care is high on the agenda of Health Education England (HEE) and NHS England. One of the things the RCoA is lobbying for with the Regulatory Bill is that non-medics providing healthcare delivery in these roles form part of the regulatory framework.

It was noted that the University curriculum had changed significantly. An offer had been made to update the national curriculum but the Department of Health (DH) was unwilling to provide funding.

CB/70/2014 National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia

Professor Mythen, Chairman of the National Institute of Academic Anaesthesia Board, presented the minutes of the Board and Research Council meetings held on 25 April 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following.

- NIAARC/21/2014 *Anaesthesia & Perioperative Care Priority Setting Partnership*

- NIAARC/23/2014 National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Specialty Group 'Anaesthesia, Perioperative Medicine and Pain Management'
- NIAAB/25/2014(ii) Governance
- NIAAB/29/2014(iv) Health Services Research Centre

CB/71/2014 Faculty of Pain Medicine

The Dean, Dr Grady, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- 4.1 Meeting with BMJ
- 4.2 Meeting with Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)
- 4.4 Pain in Secure Environments
- 4.7 Meeting with NICE

CB/72/2014 Examinations Committee

Mr Graham Clissett, Examinations Manager, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- EX/50/13 Examinations Review
- EX/46/13 E&D and Examinations
- EX/26/14 Examination Validity
- EX/27/14 Examiner Standards Approved
- EX/28/14 Chairman of the Primary MCQ

It was noted that the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) has produced standards for examiners which were available on its website.

Council approved the motions as listed under M/4/2014.

CB/74/2014 Finance Committee

In the Chairman's absence, Mr Storey, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- F22/2014 Matters considered between meetings
- F26/2014 2014/2015 Draft annual budget
- F35/2014 Cash holdings
- F23/2014 Report on the College's financial position
- F32/2014 Energy Consumption

Council discussed the RCoA's annual donation to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund (RMBF) and a suggestion was made that the amount could be increased. It was noted that the amount donated was the amount requested by the RMBF. Support is also offered by way of free advertisements in the *Bulletin* and trade stands. Ways of raising awareness of the RMBF were discussed including inviting a representative to speak to Council, requesting an article for the *Bulletin* or keeping a DVD about its activities in the President's Office. It was agreed that inclusion of information about the RMBF on the memory stick for new trainees be considered by the Training Committee.

Decision: Information about the RMBF on the memory stick for new trainees to be considered.
Action: Training Committee

CB/75/2014 Safe Anaesthesia Liaison Group

The Chairman, Dr Clutton-Brock, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- SALG/28/2014 Anaesthesia eForm
- SALG/29/2014 Updates from the other safety boards
- SALG/32/2014 Patient Safety Network
- SALG/37/2014 Spinal needle issues
- SALG/39/2014 Central Venous Pressure (CVP) Line Safety

- SALG/42/2014 Pipeline Gases

It was agreed that Dr Batchelor would discuss with Professor Mahajan, Dr Clutton-Brock and Mr McLaughlan about raising a critical care reporting system with Lord Darzi.

Decision: Discussion to be held regarding raising a critical care reporting system with Lord Darzi.
Action: Dr Batchelor, Professor Mahajan, Dr Clutton-Brock and Mr McLaughlan

CB/76/2014 Royal College of Anaesthetists' Advisory Board in Wales/National Specialty Advisory Group

The Chairman, Dr Johnson, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2014 drawing Council's attention to the following:

- *Remit of the Welsh Advisory Board with regard to individual Health Board plans for reconfiguration*
- *Role and input of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Wales*
- *Trainees – request for videoconferencing for critical care teaching from Churchill House*

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

I/14/2014 Publications

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

I/15/2014 Consultations

Council received, for information, the list of current consultations. Gratitude was expressed to those who contribute; organisations notice that as a College and specialty the RCoA provides input into consultation processes.

I/16/2014 New Associate Fellows, Members and Associate Members

Council noted, for information, the following:

Associate Fellows

Dr Andris Klucniks – Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust
 Dr Nabil Alaouabda – University Hospital Ayr
 Dr Maria Teresa Parras Maldonado – St George's Hospital
 Dr Prabakar Dharmeswaran – New Cross Hospital

Members

Dr Fotini Kristina Michaela Diridis – Facharztin für Anesthesiologie
 Dr Viral Kishanbhai Dalal – Primary FCARCSI

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

Dr Muhammad Raheel Minhas – Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary
 Dr Amit Vilas Gadre – West Suffolk Hospital
 Dr Irina Nikolaeva Slavova – Lincoln County Hospital
 Dr Diana Angelika Grabowska – Lincoln County Hospital
 Dr Chamila Lakmini Ilippulli Arachchige Perera – Royal Preston Hospital
 Dr Arul Prakash Pandian James – Freeman Hospital
 Dr Hewa Wattakgodage Manjula Atapattu – James Paget University Hospital
 Dr Kapil Dev Arora – Southend University Hospital
 Dr Kavari Anilkumar Mehta – Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
 Dr Nazia Ijaz – Luton and Dunstable Hospital
 Dr David Malcolm Lennie Lindsay – Royal Bolton Hospital
 Dr Efthymios Kalogiannis – Newham University Hospital
 Dr Siyambalape Kankanamalage Sunethra Rathnasiri – Royal Preston Hospital
 Dr Emily Bate – Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

Dr Bjorn Pederson – John Radcliffe Hospital
Dr Ahmed Mostafa Sanad Soliman – West Middlesex Hospital

Membership Category Progression

Members

Eleanor Katherine Plunkett – Irish Primary
Raymond Nigel Foster – Joint DA
Holger Petry – FRCA Primary
Dr Matyas Andorka – European Diploma

New Associate Member

Dr Lucy Clare Mason – Hospital unknown

PCS/5/2014 PRESIDENT'S CLOSING STATEMENT

1. The Patient Liaison Group (PLG) would be renamed the Lay Committee.

MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

M/18/2014 Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine

Resolved: That Council approves Version 3 of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine Regulations.

M/19/2014 Faculty of Pain Medicine

Resolved: That Council approves Version 9.2 of the Faculty of Pain Medicine Regulations.

M/20/2014 Council Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2014 be approved.

M/21/2014 Regional Advisers

Resolved: That the following re-appointment be approved:

East of Scotland

Dr W McClymont, Regional Adviser, East of Scotland

M/22/2014 Deputy Regional Advisers

Resolved: That the following appointments/re-appointment be approved (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

Northern

*Dr T Meek, Deputy Regional Adviser, Northern

North Thames Central

Dr S Chievely-Williams, Deputy Regional Adviser, North Thames Central

Wales

*Dr K Eggers, Deputy Regional Adviser, Wales

M/23/2014 College Tutors

Resolved: That the following appointments/re-appointment be approved (re-appointments marked with an asterisk):

Anglia

Dr J Lermite (Peterborough & Stamford Hospital NHSFT)

East Yorkshire

Dr M Mallick (Hull Royal Infirmary) in succession to Dr C R Snowdon

Northern Ireland

*Dr R O Laird (Altnagelvin Hospital)

North Thames West

Dr M Kumar (Watford General Hospital)

North Thames Central

Dr V Patil (King George's Hospital)

*Dr R Sharma (Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital)

North Thames East

Dr S K Pattnaik (Queens Hospital)

*Dr A Shah (Homerton University Hospital)

Wessex

Dr S Shankar (Basingstoke Hospital and North Hampshire Hospital)

West Midlands South

Dr D Khare (George Eliot Hospital)

South Thames East

Dr G Mukadam (King's College Hospital)

M/24/2014 Examinations Committee

Resolved: With effect from 1st August 2014 the length of validity of a pass in the Primary OSCE, Primary SOE and Final Written examinations be increased from two years to three years.

Resolved: With effect from 1st June 2014 the Examiner Person Specification and Job Description at Appendix A and B respectively be added to the Examiner Selection and Appointment Regulations.

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Dr Philip Hodgson as Chairman of the Primary FRCA MCQ examination with effect from November 2014.