

MEDICAL STAFF COMMITTEE MEETING**Education & Training Centre – Room 3****1st November 2017****Present:** Chairman: Dr P Jameson Secretary: Mr J Butcher

Dr D Wilson
Miss N Spiteri
Mr M Webb
Mr D Vimalchandran
Dr R Mittal
Dr S Tighe

Apologies: Dr D Ewins
Dr McGuigan
Miss Redmond
Miss Cuthbertson
Mr Semple
Dr M Wall

There was some discussion that this meeting was not quorate. The MSC constitution is currently in draft and describes a quorum of fifteen colleagues, including officers of the Committee. After some discussion, it was decided to continue with the meeting and that the decisions should be ratified at the next quorate meeting.

1. Minutes of Meeting on 23rd August 2017/Matters Arising:

Evolve: Mr Semple (DS) met Nicola Poole and spent time in the Evolve Scanning Department. They have capacity for scanning 400 notes a day, but they receive 550 and currently have a backlog of 7,500 notes that need scanning. DS understands the business case for extra staff has been accepted but that this business case is currently being processed by the Trust. Dr Jameson (PJ) will discuss our response with DS. He will make it clear that the MSC still have concerns about safety relating to the availability of accurate up-to-date medical information on patients. Mr Butcher (JMB) pointed out that, in his view, the fundamental design of Evolve was unsafe in providing timely medical records and Dr Tighe (ST) suggested that colleagues should make an entry in patient notes when sufficient information was not available to make reasonable medical decisions. There was discussion whether colleagues should refuse to see patients without sufficient clinical records.

- a) Local Clinical Excellence Awards: PJ told the committee that there had been no response to his request for information on when the clinical awards round was

going to start for medical staffing. ST will raise the pension tax implications of any payment of arrears with the LNC.

- b) The committee understands that the police investigation into premature baby deaths is ongoing and PJ told the committee that we would continue to offer our support to our paediatrician colleagues.
- c) The SAS representative for the LNC will be Fiona McCrae who was proposed and seconded.

2. LNC Report:

ST will prepare a detailed report from the LNC giving a background to various policy documents and I will attach it to the email of the minutes.

3. MSC Constitution:

It was decided that JMB would circulate the draft MSC constitution once again. He had received little feedback following circulation of the draft so far.

4. Resignation of the MSC Officers:

PJ told the committee once again that he was intending to resign and asked for expressions of interest in the post of Chair of the MSC. JMB proposes to oversee the election of a successor before resigning himself. There was a discussion relating to improvement of the attendance at MSC meetings. There seems to be resistance to the idea of evening meetings and it has been suggested that colleagues are more likely to attend if the meeting is held in the boardroom, although this is difficult to book, even with long periods of notice. It was suggested that notification to colleagues' secretaries might be more effective at ensuring attendance than to colleagues themselves and it was also suggested that longer notice might result in better attendance. There has been a fall-off in attendance for various other meetings so some of this decline may be inevitable.

Jeremy Butcher
MSC Secretary

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