RCPsych in NI
Annual Review 2012

Letter from the President - Professor Sue Bailey

It has been another busy year for RCPsych in NI and for me as President. It is fantastic to see how much the Division has achieved over the last 12 months. It is great to see such involvement from medical students. Leadership and collaboration in the field of policy and the legislative process is impressive, covering as it does attendance at the NI Assembly Health Committee and at the Mental Health & Learning Disabilities Alliance, where you have been able to keep abreast of developments concerning the proposed Mental Capacity (Health, Welfare and Finance) Bill. In addition, your Faculties have been involved with the Departments of Justice and Health in relation to the new legislation. There have been successful collaborations with the local BMA, GMC and service users and carers, as well as your most recent collaboration marking World Mental Health Day, working with Mindwise, Action Mental Health, Aware Defeat Depression and Cause.

I much appreciate the work done by the Chairs of the Divisions supported by the Celtic Policy Administrators. I hope early next year to be bringing together a meeting of all the policy mental health leads in each country together with psychiatry leaders in each of the countries to look at key issues such as parity of esteem for physical and mental health, addictions and alcohol and suicide prevention strategies.

For the College as a whole there has never been a more crucial time for us to pull together. We have to make sure, in hard economic times, mental health receives the attention it deserves to see how we can push to bridge the funding and treatment gap that exists globally for mental health.

RCPsych in Northern Ireland is setting a great example through hard work, successful public engagements and influencing policy makers across health, social care, justice and education. We know there can be no health – public health – without mental health. The time has come to truly deliver parity of esteem between physical and mental health. It would be good if you could let me know of any examples from Northern Ireland of innovative practice to include in my campaign on Resilience and Recovery.

Psychiatry should and must continue to form a safe bridge across social sciences, medicine and neuroscience to make sure all our users and carers can be offered true shared clinical decision-making, in caring evidence-based services.

Report from the Chair – Dr Philip McGarry

2012 has been a very successful year. In January we welcomed our President, Professor Sue Bailey, to the Annual General Meeting. Professor Bailey gave a thought provoking talk on ‘Resilience and Recovery’. In May our key note speaker was Professor Sir Robin Murray who gave us an insight into the findings of the Schizophrenia Commission. Other high quality speakers included Professor Patrick Johnston, Dean of the Medical Faculty of Queen’s University and Mr John Compton, Chair of the Health & Social Care Board. In September we invited the Directors in Mental Health and other senior managers to join with psychiatrists in a video link discussion with Professor Eileen Munro, author of the Munro Report on Child Protection. Our autumn meeting in Belfast Metropolitan College was also a great success and the Masterclasses in Clifton House were extremely well attended.
These meetings provide excellent networking opportunities; indeed two local trainees, Dr Vanessa Craig and Dr Joy Bell, are now involved in a national project on Alcohol Related Brain Damage arising out of Professor Ken Wilson's presentation at last year’s Autumn Meeting.

Our Strategy Day in September brought together the Faculty Chairs and Vice Chairs/Regional Representatives, Committee Leads and Elected officers to take stock and plan the year ahead. We had a productive and invigorating day.

The work undertaken last year with regard to the GAIN Guidelines on the Mental Health (NI) 1986 Order is bearing fruit with over 750 certificates being issued via the College’s CPD online programme and over 44,000 unique page views. That’s a tremendous tribute to all those involved in that huge piece of work!

As the CMO’s Specialty Advisor for Psychiatry I have continued to meet with officials including Health Minister, Edwin Poots, as well as attending the Central Medical Advisory Committee. Our relationship with the Health & Social Care Board has also been strengthened and I have been appointed to the Transforming Your Care Advisory Panel. It is encouraging that our views are sought and – I believe – respected by policy makers. We have taken a key role in addressing the newly formed All Party Group on Mental Health in Stormont on the subjects of Welfare Reform and Mental Health Today and Tomorrow.

I would like to pay tribute to Noel McKenna and Dr May McCann who have stood down after many years of excellent service as Carers Representatives. They have made a tremendous contribution, both within Northern Ireland and within the College as a whole, and they will be sorely missed.

Reports in this Review will highlight our continued engagement with politicians, civil servants and other key policy makers, collaborative work with other professional bodies, our work in public education, the media, policy, legislation, the provision of high quality academic meetings and the huge contribution made by our Faculties. Particularly pleasing is the revitalisation of the Rehabilitation and Social Faculty and the Liaison Faculty. The trainees have been very innovative including significantly enhancing our social programme. All of this illustrates the very healthy state of membership engagement in NI and, of course, none of this could be achieved without our members’ willingness to give of their time, expertise and energy. In so doing they nourish the life of the College both locally and nationally and I wish to pay tribute to that service.

Next year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Division. We have achieved very much over the last 10 years building on the strong foundations laid by members of the NI Section. We will celebrate this landmark over the next year. Please mark 9 & 10 May as the date of our Spring Residential Conference to be held in the Slieve Donard Hotel. I look forward to seeing you there!

Finally I would like to thank the team in Clifton House, Nora, Lisa and Thomas, for their sterling work and also the officers and staff in Belgrave Square for all their support throughout the year.

SPRING MEETING

Professor Harry Kennedy, Mr John Compton & Sir Robin Murray with Dr Philip McCarr at the Spring Meeting in Titanic Belfast

FACULTY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADDICTIONS – Dr Bob Boggs, Chair & Dr Helen Toal, Vice Chair

The Addictions Faculty has had a busy year with regular meetings; academic components included a presentation on Novel Substances of Misuse and a presentation from Addictions NI. We welcomed Dr Helen Toal as our new Vice Chair and will be seeking a new Chair to replace Dr Bob Boggs who demits office in July 2013. We have provided responses to two local consultations regarding policy on Alcohol Legislation and have fed into the College response to a Westminster Consultation on Minimum Pricing.

Challenges: Continuing to be active in groups such as those implementing the Bamford Review recommendations with the care and treatment of our vulnerable patient group, will be the main focus of our efforts.

GENERAL & COMMUNITY - Dr Ashling O’Hare, Chair & Dr Ciaran Mutholland, Vice Chair

The Adult Faculty has worked with CAMHS to address interface issues with regard to ASD. Huge progress has been made with the development of a Care Pathway for the diagnosis of ADHD in Adults in the absence of significant learning disability. Sincere thanks to my predecessor, Dr Paul Bell, for all his work over the last 4 years with the General Adult Faculty.

Challenges: Transition issues for individuals with CD and ADHD and the implementation of NICE Guidance, will be major issues. A key challenge is to re-energize the Faculty, establishing a structure that facilitates cohesion, communication and consensus opinions. We will shortly be consulting on this and your views will be welcome.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT – Dr Peter Gallagher (Acting Chair) & Dr Heather Hanna, Vice Chair

We have been working hard to help shape the development of our new capacity legislation, increasingly establishing ourselves as a strong and authoritative voice on the matter.
We have recently been invited to give evidence directly to the NI Assembly Health Committee in early 2013. Strong links with our paediatric colleagues have continued and we are currently developing a consensus statement on the management of ADHD.

Challenges: Issues in relation to recruitment and retention and the realities of a reducing resource environment. Strong clinical leadership at a service and strategic level and articulating the role of the child and adolescent psychiatrist will be necessary as TYC begins to take shape.

FORENSIC – Dr Rick Bunn, Chair & Dr Adrian East, Vice Chair

We are indebted to Dr Ian Bownes for his hard work and effort on behalf of the Faculty over the years and are delighted to welcome Dr Adrian East as Vice Chair. During the year the Faculty met with the NI Law Commission to discuss the consultation paper on Fitness to Plead. Regular meetings have been held with the Department of Justice on the proposed new Capacity Legislation. The Forensic Faculty is also represented at the Bamford Implementation Group.

Challenges: We are liaising closely with the Central Faculty and aim to provide an educational and training session over the next twelve months. We also focus on continuing to realise the Forensic aspects of the Bamford Implementation Group.

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY - Dr Marietta Cunningham, Chair & Dr Helen Corbett, Vice Chair

The Faculty of Intellectual Disability held a successful joint Academic Meeting with the BPS Division of Clinical Psychology in June 2012 and also facilitated a Masterclass during 2012.

Challenges: The ongoing development of a wide range of community placements to meet a diverse range of needs, the development of community therapeutic infrastructure in each locality, as well as regional specialist services – will all be key priorities.

MEDICAL PSYCHOTHERAPY - Dr Heather Mills, Chair & Dr Maria O’Kane, Vice Chair

The Psychotherapy Faculty remains active in promoting and representing the need for continuing development of access to psychological therapies, and in the promotion of teaching and training. There are four courses run through the Centre of Psychotherapy with the establishment of the MSc in Psychotherapeutic Approaches. The Dr Freeman Award is now an annual award with extended categories. The RCPsych UK Psychotherapy Training Survey 2012 confirmed that NI is fulfilling the core psychotherapy curriculum.

Challenges: Limited number of medical psychotherapy posts which potentially impacts on the sustainability of higher specialist training. Changes to the curriculum and dual training. Supporting the development of child psychotherapy training.

REHABILITATION & SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY FACULTY – Dr Diana Cody, Chair & Dr John Boyle, Vice Chair

2012 has been a landmark year culminating in a formal relaunch of the local faculty at the Annual Faculty Conference in Belfast in November. This was the best attended meeting in the Faculty’s history. A core group of psychiatrists from all Trusts, along with senior trainees, successfully completed an audit of services for rehabilitation across Northern Ireland, which demonstrated an overall lack of resources for service users who have long term disabilities. A stimulating series of meetings is planned for 2013, the first of which takes place on 29 January, and all those with an interest in SMI are encouraged to join us.

Challenges: To highlight the need for resourcing Rehabilitation services in order to deliver a Recovery Model. This is essential for Transforming Your Care to be implemented successfully.

PSYCHIATRY OF OLD AGE – Dr Brid Kerrigan, Chair & Dr Deirdre Shields, Vice Chair

The year began with a successful joint meeting with the BGS, with Professor Desmond O’Neill, Medical Gerontologist, Trinity College Dublin, delivering an upbeat and positive presentation on famous people who have suffered from dementia and their contributions to society. The Dementia Strategy implementation is ongoing. Memory services provision is now highlighted at Departmental level, and a Regional Working Group held its first meeting in December 2012.

Challenges: With the ever pressing demographic changes and the Transforming your Care Agenda, there is an urgent need to modernise POA services regionally. The Faculty will focus on this and also on the interfacing with General Adult and Intellectual Disability Psychiatry with respect to the age issue and dementia services.
LIAISON – Dr Catherine Taggart, Chair & Dr Jo Minay, Vice Chair

The NI Liaison Faculty is a newly formed group and had its first meeting in September 2012. It is open to anyone who has a liaison component to their job. The group aims to promote good practice of psychiatry in the acute hospital setting and to influence development of liaison services. Initial work has been done by Dr Minay to gather information on different models of liaison service across the five Trusts.

Challenges: Establishing the new group into a regular pattern of meetings, collation and presentation of results from Dr Minay’s survey and beginning an engagement with Commissioners regarding needs of mental health patients in the acute hospital setting – will be the main focus.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Dr Peter Trimble

The CPD Committee aims to provide local, high quality CPD activity at reasonable cost to the members in NI. Our diverse 2012 programme was well received and we will build on this in the coming year. We are always pleased to receive feedback and suggestions for topics and speakers. Please email nirelanddiv@rcpsych.ac.uk

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT
Dr Maria O’Kane

This Committee met on four occasions in 2012. Invited Speakers included Patrick Convery, RQIA and Philip Weir, Special Adviser to the Minister for Health. The College centrally is working closely with the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management (FMLM), a new UK-wide organisation that aims to promote the advancement of medical leadership.

Challenges: Plans are underway to roll out a local Leadership and Management programme and members’ thoughts on the content of the programme are welcomed.

SERVICE USER AND CARER INVOLVEMENT
Dr May McCann & Noel McKenna

The Joint Committee continues to input into the MRCPsych at Queen’s University, recently contributed to a review on Work Capability Assessment Interviews and is actively represented on the College’s Central User and Carer fora, playing a significant role in the College’s new Position Paper on Advocacy. The NI group proposal was selected as the topic for the Annual Meeting and Dr May McCann and Noel McKenna contributed to a DVD on Service User and Carer experiences of the College. This was shown at the International Congress and was used by members at the launch of the All Party Assembly Group on Mental Health.

Challenges: Welfare Reform.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS OFFICER – Dr Peter Gallagher

Professionalisation of TPDs with consideration being given to a specific qualification for TPDs is a key issue. There is a strong sense in which, in recent years, training seemed to be more concentrated on service commitment and less towards the training needs of trainees. The ETSC is mindful of this and aims to ensure that the training primarily equips trainees to be capable and competent clinicians.

Challenges: Ongoing review of academic training with a focus on ways in which Neurology and Psychiatry can combine. A surplus from examination fees will be used to fund CPD online for all trainees. There is also going to be a mapping exercise where an audit of examiners will be carried out with the possibility that the TPDs should take part both in medical education and also act as College examiners.

PUBLIC EDUCATION – Dr Peter Sloan, Chair

In the past year the Public Education Committee formed a partnership with four Mental Health Charities in NI to organise a joint World Mental Health Day Event with stigma and the media as its theme. Edwin Poots, Minister for Health, gave the opening address. The event was well received and it is hoped to build on this collaboration over the coming years. The Public Education Committee has always been fortunate in receiving much support from the local trainee body, whose efforts and enthusiasm is always much appreciated. Representatives from Queen’s University Belfast competed in and won this year’s Spike Milligan Intervarsity Public Speaking Competition in March. The team, coached by Dr Maggie McGurgan, did a great job and gave an incredibly assured performance.

Challenges: The education outreach workshops remain popular and we hope to work with MensSana, an existing schools project run by Action Mental Health, to develop this work further.
This year has seen regular educational talks, the "Medfest" film festival aimed at recruitment and the conference entitled "A Less Dangerous Method - working with the Unconscious in Psychiatry". Our thanks go to all the consultants who supported this year’s academic programme and to the “Medfest” panel comprising Professor Ciaran Mulholland, Liz Main, Des O’Rawe and Donna Franceschild.

A special screening of David Cronenberg’s “A Dangerous Method” concluded with a discussion in the Centre for Psychotherapy, with a follow up trip to the Lyric to see Macbeth. Other work has included updating the Trainee Handbook, impacting on MRCPsych teaching and helping to increase academic research opportunities for trainees.

**Challenges:** Priority will be given to exploring research opportunities for trainees at all levels, improving access to management education and experience and work around MRCPsych teaching.

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**SAS & AFFILIATES** – Dr Kathleen McCaffrey

A very successful two day management workshop was held in Belfast Castle in February. There is much focus on organising portfolios for revalidation and we hope to run a workshop on this in 2013 to which everyone is welcome. Both the Chair and Vice-Chair are stepping down in 2013. Any expression of interest in either of these posts will be gratefully appreciated. If interested please contact Lisa at Clifton House or Kathleen.McCaffrey@setrust.hscni.net

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**PRIVATE & INDEPENDENT PRACTICE GROUP** – Dr John Sharkey

The Psychiatrists in Private and Independent Practice group in NI met for the first time in 2012. The majority of attendees are Consultant Psychiatrists who have retired from the NHS but who continue in practice [eg medicolegal, tribunals, private practice]. With revalidation almost upon us, the challenges of appraisal and revalidation in those doctors who do not have employment within the NHS has been the main thrust of attention. The group provides a good forum to discuss these evolving challenges, through sharing experiences and ideas. Some potential solutions have been identified and others are in development.

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**REPORT FROM REGIONAL ADVISOR** – Dr Gerry Loughrey

I hope to reflect the close ties between the post of Regional Adviser and the postgraduate training activity within NI. I will continue to provide Royal College presence and advice concerning trainee assessments and also Recruitment and Selection. The number of trainees in Psychiatry has reduced over recent years to reflect projected manpower changes. This is likely to lead to increased competition as trainees move from core training to specialist training, and again, as completed trainees compete for Consultant posts. The Regional Adviser will also be involved in Revalidation, in a manner that is yet to be fully explored. A Central College Office and Adviser will ensure that advice across the College is consistent, and it will also allow the College to identify difficulties that call for a systematic approach. Members can expect to hear from the College about this in the near future. Sincerest thanks to my predecessor, Dr Neta Chada, for her assistance with the handover and for all her support in my role as Head of School for Psychiatry.

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**REPORT FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL** – Dr Brian Mangan & Dr Damien Hughes – Deputy Head

2012 has been an eventful year for postgraduate training in Psychiatry within NI. After four years, Dr Gerry Loughrey has stepped down as the Head of School Psychiatry. I pay tribute to his enthusiasm and dedication and to his success in establishing a framework for NI training within our Specialty.

We again attracted a high number of exceptional applicants to our Core Training positions. We continue to face challenges with the introduction of functional areas of working and increasing specialization of posts. It remains essential that our Core trainees get an appropriately wide range of experience during their attachments to achieve competencies in their training. Therefore some trainees are now required to work in more than one setting during placements. The National Training Survey again revealed high levels of satisfaction with Clinical Supervision and Regional Teaching. Pass rates at Membership examination for NI remain very favourable when compared with other Deaneries. Constriction of study leave budgets continues...
to cause pressure for our Specialty, as indeed for almost all Specialties. One of our main objectives in the last year has been to further develop research training within Psychiatry. Here in NI we appointed three trainees to Research positions.

**Challenges:** Attracting Consultants throughout NI to take on training roles in the Specialty and to continue to encourage and support Consultants to further develop their teaching and training skills to enable them to work more effectively.

**POLICY & LEGISLATION** – Dr Maria O’Kane & Dr Paul Bell

Outstanding issues in relation to the drafting of the proposed Mental Capacity (Health, Welfare & Finance) Bill continue to dominate. The College participates in regular meetings with both the Departments of Health and Justice on various aspects of the proposed Bill.

The College has renewed its membership of the Steering Group of the Mental Health and Learning Disability Alliance, which is an umbrella grouping of over 20 organisations and is an invaluable educational tool in relation to the proposed Bill.

Responses to consultations are available on the local website. Sincere thanks to all those who helped develop these.

**MEDIA TRAINING**

“Must say that I greatly enjoyed the session and would highly recommend it. It was useful to have an actual interview and receive feedback. It increased my confidence” – Dr Brid Kerrigan

A number of psychiatrists took up the opportunity for media training in June. This was so successful that within three days Dr Helen Toal took part in a one hour live discussion programme on Radio Ulster!

Further training will be available in 2013 and anyone interested should contact the office.

**INFORMATION ON ‘SAFER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: A TOOLKIT’**

The National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by People with Mental Illness has launched a toolkit which mental health care practitioners can use to self-assess their local services and individual practice against key Inquiry recommendations.

These recommendations are based on the work the Inquiry has carried out over the last decade. It’s free to download from: [http://www.medicine.manchester.ac.uk/cmhrcentreforsuicideprevention/nci/toolkits](http://www.medicine.manchester.ac.uk/cmhrcentreforsuicideprevention/nci/toolkits)
PARKING
For most meetings at Clifton House adequate parking is available. However members are requested to avoid parking at the front of the building or on the grass verges. Additional parking is available in Frederick Street North and North Queen Street.

ACADEMIC MEETINGS

January
22-23  Positive Risk Taking in Personality Disorder
29  Rehabilitation & Social Psychiatry Faculty
  Academic Meeting - Clifton House

February
1  Joint Meeting – POA & BGS
20-22  British & Irish Group for the Study of Personality Disorder - Hilton Hotel Belfast

March
1  Cross Professional Conference – Psychological Aspects of Physical & Chronic Health Presentations

May
9-10  RCPsych in NI Spring Meeting – Slieve Donard Hotel

June
14  Joint Meeting of the Child & Adolescent Faculty & Ulster Paediatric Society
26-27  UK – Trainees Conference - Belfast

September
25  RCPsych in NI - Research & Audit Day

October
10  World Mental Health Day Public Education Event

November
7-8  College of Psychiatry of Ireland & RCPsych in NI Joint Meeting -Dublin
TBA  Media Confidence – Learning what to say and how to say it.

MASTERCLASSES

4.00pm - 5.30pm - Clifton House

29 Jan  An Introduction to Interpersonal Psychotherapy
  – Dr Philip McGarry & Lorraine Fitzpatrick, IPT Trainer
13 Mar  Parkinsons Disease & Movement Disorders
  Dr Seamus Kearney
5 June  Personality Disorder - Dr M O’Kane
4 Sept  Overview of CBT Principles - Stephen Herron, Senior Cognitive Behavioural Therapist, SEHSCT
20 Nov  Risk Assessment – Dr Rick Bunn
TBA  Medical Legal Reports

FACULTY MEETINGS

ADDICTIONS FACULTY
Wednesday 23 January - 2pm
Wednesday 24 April - 2pm
Wednesday 4 September - 2pm
Wednesday 27 November - 2pm

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT FACULTY
Friday 25 January - 9.30am
Friday 19 April - 9.30am
Friday 13 September - 9.30am
Friday 22 November - 9.30am

FORENSIC FACULTY
Friday 26 April - 2pm
Friday 6 September - 2pm

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY FACULTY
Monday 11 March – 3pm
May - TBA
Monday 16 September
Monday 2 December

PSYCHIATRY OF OLD AGE FACULTY
Friday 1 February – Joint POA/BGS Meeting
Friday 19 April - 1.30pm
Friday 13 September - 1.30pm
Friday 22 November - 1.30pm

REHABILITATION & SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY FACULTY
Tuesday 29 January
Tuesday 11 June
Tuesday 17 September

MEDICAL PSYCHOTHERAPY FACULTY
Friday 15 February - 1.30pm
May - TBA
Friday 13 September - 1.30pm
Friday 6 December - 1.30pm

LIAISON PSYCHIATRY
Friday 11 January – 2pm
Further meetings to be advised

SAS & AFFILIATES
Monday 25 February
May – as part of the Spring Meeting
Monday 14 October

TRAINEES – JOINT MEETINGS
Wednesday 27 February - 2pm
Wednesday 17 April - 2pm
Wednesday 26 June – 2pm
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE MEETING
Wednesday 6 February
Thursday 9 May - AGM
Wednesday 18 September - Strategy Day
Wednesday 20 November

CPD COMMITTEE
Wednesday 13 March - 2pm
Wednesday 5 June - 2pm
Wednesday 11 September - 2pm
Wednesday 11 December - 2pm

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT
Wednesday 13 February - 2.30pm
Wednesday 22 May - 2.30pm
Wednesday 4 September - 2.30pm
Wednesday 27 November - 2.30pm

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Thursday 28 February - 2pm
Thursday 25 April - 2pm
Thursday 1 August - 2pm

SERVICE USER & CARER COMMITTEE
Wednesday 27 February - 2pm
Wednesday 29 May - 2pm
Wednesday 4 September - 2pm
Wednesday 4 December - 2pm

NOTICE OF AGM
The AGM will take place at the Spring Meeting in the Slieve Donard Hotel on 9 May. Details will be issued in due course. To coincide with central College scheduling, the elections for Chair, Vice Chair and two elected officers will be held separately from the AGM. These vacancies have been posted to all members; the closing date for nominations is 11 January 2013.

All other posts due for re-election will be notified in April.

CONTACT DETAILS
So that we may communicate effectively with you please ensure your contacts details, membership grade and interests are kept current on our database. Contact poconnor@rcpsych.ac.uk