



Report to CEC, June 2008

Recent work

1. ECT competencies produced in 2007 and feedback gained from ECT doctors attending College Training Days. The Committee plans to make then available on the website for 12 months and then review.
2. Committee webpage in development
3. Statement about TMS prepared for website
4. Patient information leaflet finalised after considerable work!
5. Training Days continue – content and structure has been reviewed.
6. The Committee receives and responds to correspondence received by the College related to ECT and comments on any relevant pieces of work (eg WPA draft statement on ethics of unmodified ECT).

Ongoing work

1. various protocols under review
2. discussion of items relating to ECT in the press & correspondence received.
3. planning ECT Training Days in December 2008 & future shape of training.
4. consideration of structure of next ECT Handbook

Advice from CEC requested

The Committee has discussed review of the ECT Handbook which is due in 2009. Until the implications of the new Mental Health Act, the NICE guidelines, and a series of as-yet unpublished studies have all been assessed, the Committee recommends that it would be inappropriate to revise the contents of the Handbook and advises CEC that the review be postponed by 12 months to enable the new information to enter the public domain and be assimilated. Review would therefore be due in 2010. Please could CEC advise if this is acceptable.