

**Minutes**  
of the business meeting  
of the Faculty of Learning Disability Psychiatry  
**1 April 2011**  
CBI Tower, London



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| 1   | <p><b>Attendance</b><br/>Dr Ian Hall (Chair)<br/>Dr Harm Boer (Vice-chair)<br/>Dr Angela Hassiotis (Finance Officer)</p> <p>90 members were in attendance.<br/>Dr Hall welcomed everyone to the business meeting and the officers introduced themselves.</p>  |
| 2   | <p><b>Apologies</b><br/>Apologies were received from 2 members.</p>   |
| 3   | <p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2010</b><br/>The minutes of the previous business meeting held on 8 October 2010 were approved as a correct record.</p>  |
| 4   | <p><b>Matters arising</b><br/>There were no matters arising.</p>  |
| 5   | <p><b>Chair's report from the executive committee</b></p>   |
| 5.1 | <p><b>Links with the British Psychological Society's faculty of learning disability</b><br/>Dr Hall reported that there was a meeting between the officers of the learning disability faculties of the College and the BPS. A number of joint projects were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Payment by Results work, led by Dr Ashok Roy</li><li>• Joint Commissioning Panel for Mental Health: this was a joint initiative between the College, the RCGP and various other stakeholders (<a href="http://www.jcpmh.info">www.jcpmh.info</a>). The aim was to produce guidelines for GP commissioners and the faculty would make sure there is learning disability input. The BPS were keen to contribute.</li><li>• The 2012 faculty spring meeting would be a joint one with the BPS.</li><li>• The two faculties would work together on a new report to replace <i>CR116 Psychotherapy and Learning Disability</i>.</li><li>• The two faculties would work together on revising the BPS document on definition and context for services.</li></ul> |

## 5.2 **Engaging with members**

Following the College's consultation exercise on how to engage the membership, the College agreed to start a new campaign on recruitment into psychiatry, which was one of the most important issues for the members.

## 5.3 **Public Health Observatory and Confidential Inquiry**

Dr Hall reported that the Department of Health had agreed to continue funding for a further two years the Public Health Observatory and the Confidential Inquiry into the premature and avoidable deaths of people with learning disabilities.

## 5.4 **Twitter and Facebook page**

Dr Hall introduced Dr Vish Radhakrishnan, the faculty's Web Editor.

Dr Radhakrishnan reported that the faculty had launched Facebook and Twitter accounts over the past few weeks. These were not official College accounts, but the aim was to disseminate faculty information.

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Psychiatry-of-Learning-Disability/188937051125587>

Twitter page: <http://twitter.com/psychiatryofld>

Members who would like to post to these pages can also send an email with the brief message to [pldupdates@gmail.com](mailto:pldupdates@gmail.com)

## 6 **Finance report**

Dr Hassiotis reported that thanks to Dr Alexander's great work on the residential meeting in Leeds, the faculty was in a good financial position. Today's one-day meeting was also due to generate a surplus. Dr Hassiotis asked members to encourage their trainees to participate in faculty conferences. She said that bursaries were available.

## 7 **Education and training**

### 7.1 **Faculty residential meeting, 6-7 October 2011, Bristol**

Dr Regi Alexander reported that there was an open call for papers for the Bristol meeting (deadline 15 May).

### 7.2 **Jack Piachaud medical student poster prize**

Dr Alexander reported that the new Jack Piachaud prize would be available to all medical students presenting a poster at the residential meeting.

### 7.3 **Library**

Dr Alexander reported that following the January executive meeting and the item in the newsletter, there had been a very good response from the faculty membership in taking up the offer of ETOCs from the College library. So far 54 members were on the subscription list and Sally Blake, the library manager had formally written to the faculty to thank them for this initiative.

### 7.4 **Reading list**

Dr Alexander reported that he and Dr Hassiotis were updating the reading list on the faculty web page.

- 7.5 **Report from the Faculty Education and Curriculum Committee (FECC) chair**  
Dr Jo Jones reported that the faculty's Training Programme Director network had updated the curriculum guide to make it easier to read.  
The FECC had been asked by the College's Curriculum Committee to produce a study guide, which would be an opportunity to define what we should expect ST4-6s to achieve. Dr Jones asked members to watch this space.  
She also asked members to use the e-portfolio, even though it was not perfect.
- 8 **Faculty working groups**
- 8.1 **CR115 Meeting the mental health needs of adults with a mild learning disability**  
Dr Hassiotis was leading the update of this College report, which was a joint project with the General Adult faculty.
- 8.2 **CR136 Psychiatric services for adolescents and adults with Asperger's syndrome and other autism spectrum disorders**  
CR136 was due for an update this year, but it was agreed to defer this to 2012 when the NICE guidelines were due to be published. Dr Tom Berney would lead this project.
- 9 **Plaudits**
- 9.1 **Professor Joan Bicknell medical student essay prize**  
Dr Hall reported that there were 8 entries for this year's prize and Emily Hart was the winner. She was not able to attend today, but Dr Hall congratulated her in her absence.
- 9.2 **Alec Shapiro Prizes**  
Dr Hall presented Dr Shweta Gangavati and Dr Vish Radhakrishnan with the Alec Shapiro Poster and Oral Presentation Prizes respectively. He congratulated both for their achievements.
- 9.3 **NICE fellowship**  
Dr Hall congratulated Dr Hassiotis, who had become a NICE fellow, following the College's nomination and a competitive interview process. She explained that the post involved promoting NICE and getting involved in various projects. She would make sure that learning disability was included in relevant documents.
- 10 **Obituaries**  
The faculty was not informed of any obituaries.
- 11 **Any other business**  
Baroness Hollins asked whether the winning Joan Bicknell essay could be sent to Prof Joan Bicknell and she was wondering whether Prof Bicknell was aware that the prize was still being awarded. Dr Hall agreed to contact Prof Bicknell.

12 **Future meetings**

The next business meeting would take place during the residential meeting (6-7 October 2011 Bristol)

13 **Close**