



Chair's Report for the AGM of CAMHS Faculty RCPsychiS: 23.11.23

Dear All

I'm sorry I am not able to attend the conference and I hope you have all had a good morning session. This is my last report to the AGM as my tenure as Chair has now ended. I would like to thank you all for your support over the last 4 years and in particular the members of the Executive Committee.

Over the last 12 months the College has responded to a number of consultations including the Transitions Bill, the mental Health Strategy and the national care service consultation. We have also supported updating of a number of College Reports such as CR207, which I am sure you all know is about job planning for consultants. We continue to contribute to the National eating disorder work and were heavily involved in the short life working groups. We are supporting the writing of a position statement for adolescents with Borderline Personality Disorder and the Forensic network to develop guidance for transgender patients.

Working in CAMHS continues to be challenging at times and the workforce issues continue at all levels and in all professional groups. The College is continuing to work on this and attract medical students into the profession.

I am hoping you will all have received a [survey about the use of Clozapine](#). This is in response to the investigation by the Mental Welfare commission. I would strongly encourage you all to complete this to allow a better understanding of the difficulties that may be involved in this area of practice.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at the Royal College including Susan Richardson, Laura Varney and the policy team in particular. I have been honoured to serve as Chair of the Faculty but I am looking forward to a rest. I hope people will volunteer to be members of the Executive as the valuable work needs to continue.

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