

Terms of Reference

Royal College of Psychiatrists – MPAC Review Task and Finish Group

1. Purpose

The Multi-Professional Approved/Responsible Clinician (MPAC) Task and Finish Group has been established to undertake a review and to create guidance on how Multidisciplinary teams, which involve MPACs (Multi Professional Approved Clinicians) can work best in the delivery of good quality safe mental healthcare to patients.

It is acknowledged that the term Non-Medical Approved Clinicians (NMACs) and Non-Medical Responsible Clinicians (NMRCs) are also in use to refer to MPACs. NHSE, Approval Panels and Employers use the term MPACs. Hence, for the purpose of this group we will use the term MPAC to enable consistent communication with wider stakeholders

2. Objectives

The purpose of the Task and Finish Group is as follows:

1. To review the role of MPACs and how they can safely contribute to the work of the multi-disciplinary teams (MDT) with their profession specific clinical expertise along with the statutory approval in delivery of Mental Health care.
2. To review the scope of practice and limitations of MPACs working in Mental Health to clarify legal/clinical lines of responsibility and supervision
3. To review and clarify supervision arrangements for Resident Doctors who work in teams which involves MPACs in RC (Responsible Clinician) Role.
4. To review and clarify the position regarding intersection with roles/responsibility of Psychiatrists and other doctors while working with MPACs, particularly regarding safe evidence based prescribing practices and provision of physical health care for patients under their care
5. To develop an action plan for the College's future work regarding MPACs practice, development and sharing of review outcomes with stakeholders.

3. Membership

The group shall consist of the following members:

- Associate Dean for Advanced Learning: Dr Abdul Raoof (Chair)
- Associate Registrar for Policy: Dr Mayura Deshpande
- Associate Dean for Curriculum: Dr Indira Vinjamuri
- PRDC Chair: Dr Nermene Ahmed
- PRDC Rep Wales: Dr Kok Keong Leong

- PRDC Rep Northern and Yorkshire: Dr Harry Waterman
- PRDC Rep South West: Dr Jonathan Gibb
- Heads of School rep: Dr Debasis Das
- Dean: Prof Subodh Dave
- Registrar: Prof Owen Bowden Jones
- SAS Committee Chair: Dr Lily Read
- SAS Rep: Dr Mike Groves
- Devolved Nations Representative (Wales): Dr Rahim Safeer
- Divisions Rep: Chair of Chairs Dr Nishanth Babu Mathew
- Medical Directors Representative: Dr Asif Zia
- Other Stakeholders will be invited to join the meetings to share particular experiences and evidence as required
- Administrative support staff.

4. Meetings

- The group shall meet regularly, with meetings scheduled as necessary.
- A quorum for meetings shall be at least 50% of the members.
- Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded and circulated to all members.
- Confidentiality: All information generated by or for the MPAC Task and Finish Group – like minutes, meeting papers etc - is deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed outside of the group. Information discussed during its proceedings that is identified as confidential, must be treated as confidential.

5. Responsibilities

- To provide a written report on progress and outcomes to the College's Education and Training Committee and the Policy and Public Affairs Committee.
- Regular updates will be shared with the Psychiatric Resident Doctors Committee (PRDC) and wider membership, with the creation of a dedicated webpage for frequently asked questions and an email address for comments and concerns to be raised.

6. Reporting

The group will report to the College's Education and Training Committee and the Policy and Public Affairs Committee, providing updates on activities, progress, and recommendations.