**MINUTES**  
**Business Meeting**  
of the  
Faculty of Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability  
**7 October 2021**  
online

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Dr Ken Courtenay (Chair)  
Dr Asit Biswas (Vice-Chair)  
Dr Mary Barrett (Chair, Specialty Advisory Committee)  

161 Faculty members attended.  
Dr Courtenay welcomed everyone to the business meeting.  

| 2   | **Chair’s report** |

Dr Courtenay reported the following from the Faculty Executive Committee and the College:  

**Covid-19** has dominated everyone’s lives in the last 18 months. The College and the Faculty were active in developing guidance, which is available on the [Faculty website](#). This is in the process of being updated.  

The Faculty, backed by the President, played a role in advocating for patients with ID to become a priority on the vaccination list developed by the UK Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).  

**Mental Health Act:** The MHA is applicable in England and Wales but also has implications in Scotland. The Faculty formulated its response based on focus groups with Faculty members and it will be actively involved in feedback.  

**Recruitment** is a major challenge for the Faculty. The fill rate has improved from 23% last year to 33% this year, but this is still the lowest amongst the psychiatric specialties. The Faculty’s recruitment working group is working hard to improve this. The recruitment guide, aimed at trainees and trainers, is on the [Faculty website](#). Improving recruitment in ID is a priority for Dr Kate Lovett, the College’s recruitment lead.  

The Faculty is working on dual CCT training programmes: there is already a dual CCT with CAP, and work is ongoing to develop dual training in Forensic/ID and General Adult/ID.
Dr Courtenay encouraged members to be active locally, as local initiatives were an important factor for people choosing the specialty.

**Working groups:** this year 2 new working groups were set up: Inpatient Care, led by Dr Mahesh Odiyoor and Forensic ID, led by Dr Harm Boer.

**ID Physician:** There is collaboration between the RCGP, the RCP and the RCPsych to develop a training programme, supported by HEE. The University of Edge Hill is working on a training module, which will be open to all doctors regardless of their specialist training. The hope is to have an ID physician in every acute service.

**Care and Treatment Review survey:** Dr Purandare and Dr Wong will send around a survey around Care and Treatment Reviews in the next few weeks.

**Building the Right Support** is being refreshed.

**Clinical Contracts:** NHSE is developing Clinical Contracts, with a pilot towards the end of this year. They will be incorporated into practice and CETR policy.

**Faculty elections in 2022:** 7 elected members and the 3 officers are coming to the end of their term on the Executive Committee in June 2022 and elections will take place to replace them in early 2022. Dr Courtenay encouraged members to stand for the Executive Committee. It would be great if more women could run for election to improve the gender balance.

**Finance update:** Dr Courtenay reported on behalf Dr Sujeet Jaydeokar, the Finance Officer:

The income from previous conferences was very good and the Faculty is in therefore a healthy financial position.

Dr Jaydeokar developed a strategy to engage better with members. The key is for Training Programme Directors, Regional Reps, and trainees to link and develop local initiatives.

**Contact:** members can contact Dr Courtenay directly: ChairFacultyPID@rcpsych.ac.uk

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**Vice-Chair’s report**

Dr Biswas asked members to look at the Faculty website, which included COVID-19 resources, the Faculty newsletter, College Reports, and links to other organisations. 2 relevant reports were published this year:

- **Stopping the overmedication of people with intellectual disability, autism or both (STOMP) and supporting treatment and appropriate medication in paediatrics (STAMP)**
- **CR230 ADHD in adults with ID**

**Specialty Advisory Committee Chair’s report**

Dr Barrett, chair of the Faculty’s Specialty Advisory Committee, highlighted the
following items from the SAC's work:

**Curriculum rewrite:** further progress has been made with the curriculum rewrite. The GMC approved – and commended - using interactive PDPs to demonstrate training progress, with Psychiatry of ID providing the sample documentation for this. The College have therefore submitted a further revision of the curriculum documentation to the GMC, based on this model and feedback from the recent curriculum consultation process and an approval decision is now awaited. If approval is granted, the timeline for implementation is for a pilot in February 2022 and then full implementation in August 2022. In preparation for this the SAC convened earlier this month to begin work on PDP examples for different placement types. A further meeting is due in November 2021, to bring this work together.

**Dual training:** Dr Courtenay already mentioned dual training in his report. The GMC curriculum submission for CAMHS/ID dual training (the only current approved combination) has been made alongside the single ID application. Dr Barrett met the Forensic SAC Chair on 22 September to progress mapping of dual training in Forensic ID, with the plan that this is submitted once the single CCT programmes have received their approval and the final content is fixed.

**ID PsychStar:** PsychStar is a College scheme for medical students to increase their interest in psychiatry. The students get funding and mentoring. This year the Faculty supported an ID-specific PsychStar, the first Faculty to do so. There were 20 high-quality applications and Ratnu Vaidya was appointed. He is already working hard setting up a survey for medical students and various initiatives around ID and he will write these up for the Newsletter.

**5 Plaudits**

Dr Courtenay asked members to let the Faculty know about any plaudits received. He highlighted the following achievements:

Prof Joan Bicknell Medical Student Essay Prize winner: Nicole Owen, Warwick University

RCPsych Awards Psychiatry Team of the Year: Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability - 4 teams have been shortlisted:
- Ellesmere House, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Cornwall Adult Intellectual Disability Epilepsy Service, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Evenlode Ward Team, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Western Community Learning Disability Team, West Sussex, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Psychiatric Team of the Year: Children and adolescents
- The Oxfordshire Learning Disability CAMHS Service, Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, has been shortlisted.
Psychiatrist of the Year: Prof Asif Zia, Faculty member, has been shortlisted. The RCPsych Awards will take place on 11 November 2021.

**6 Obituaries**
Dr Courtenay mentioned Prof Bhaumik and Dr Gravestock who had passed away since the last business meeting. The Faculty had marked its respect for both.

**7 Future meetings**
Faculty spring meeting, 1 April 2022 at 21 Prescot St, probably hybrid. Faculty Conference, October 2022 (date TBC)