

# MINUTES

of the **BUSINESS MEETING**  
of the **Neuropsychiatry Faculty**  
held on **20 September 2019**  
Royal College of Psychiatrists



No	Subject
<b>1</b>	<b>Attendance</b> Prof Eileen Joyce (Chair) Dr Nick Medford (Vice-Chair) Dr George El-Nimr (Academic Secretary) Faculty members. Prof Joyce welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2018 were approved as a correct record.
<b>3</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Website</b> Prof Joyce reported that the Faculty Executive had been working on the Faculty web page: <a href="https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/members/your-faculties/neuropsychiatry">https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/members/your-faculties/neuropsychiatry</a> The next steps would be to add the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compendium of SpR posts</li><li>• Compendium of neuropsychiatry services</li><li>• Vignettes on becoming a neuropsychiatrist</li><li>• Training syllabus/guidelines</li><li>• Curriculum</li><li>• Commissioning</li></ul>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Training syllabus</b> Prof Joyce reported that the Faculty's Curriculum Working Group had completed a training syllabus. It had been approved by the Faculty, the BNA and the ABN and would now go to the College's Curriculum Committee and the Education Training Committee for final approval. The next step would be to create a shadow curriculum in order to apply to the GMC for a credential. Dr Medford added that the Faculty would aim for a credential aimed at both neuropsychiatrists and neurologists.

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#### **Commissioning**

Prof Joyce reported that Dr Mike Dilley had been representing the Faculty on the NHSE Specialised Neurosciences Commissioning Group. The good news was that the service specifications, which stipulated that every regional neuroscience centre should have a neuropsychiatrist, had been approved.

The Faculty would then need to look at non-specialised services. The Faculty had hosted the successful Neurological Alliance event on 26 June, which focused on the mental health needs of people with neurological disorders.

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#### **FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Dr Kirk sent her apologies, but prepared some slides, which Prof Joyce presented. The Faculty's balance was healthy. The bursary fund had been underspent this year.

Due to changes in the College's accounting rules, the Faculty's surplus was not available to use, and the budget would need to be balanced each year. Dr Kirk had submitted the 2020 business plan and budget to the College. Funds had been allocated to the newsletter, the working groups, prizes and bursaries. Aspirational plans, which may be approved as additional, included 2 or 3 regional meetings per year.

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#### **ACADEMIC SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Dr El-Nimr thanked everyone for attending the current conference. The sessions were being recorded and would be used for educational purposes. At last year's conference, members agreed to keep the Faculty conference in London and the College venue had been booked for 2020. The drinks reception had been popular, and this would be repeated.

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#### **QUESTIONS**

It was suggested that local services should be called specialist services, rather than non-specialised services. Members agreed.

There was a question about where the neuropsychiatry credential would be placed; pre- or post-CCT. Dr Medford responded that the GMC had not clarified this, but there were arguments for both. [Addendum: The GMC had subsequently clarified that this would be post-CCT.]

There was a question about inviting more overseas speakers to the conference. Dr El-Nimr replied that he would welcome suggestions.

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#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

18 September 2020, at the College