

MINUTES

of the **BUSINESS MEETING**
of the **Neuropsychiatry Faculty**
held on **14 September 2018**
Royal College of Psychiatrists



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Subject

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Attendance

Prof Eileen Joyce (Chair)
Dr Nick Medford (Vice-Chair)
Dr Czarina Kirk (Finance Officer)
Dr George El-Nimr (Academic Secretary)

Around 60 members were in attendance.
Prof Joyce welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2017 were approved as a correct record.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

3.1

College work

The Faculty had set up an Education Working Group to work on a neuropsychiatry curriculum and syllabus with a view to establishing a credential.

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Outcome measures

The Faculty had produced a document on neuropsychiatry outcome measures, which had been approved by the College.
The College was developing a generic outcomes document and the neuropsychiatry document would be an attachment to this and posted on the Faculty web pages of new College website.

3.3

Neuroscience Commission

Prof Joyce reported that the project had received further funding from the Gatsby Foundation and Wellcome Trust. The Faculty of Neuropsychiatry contributed by creating new questions for Paper A exam and advise on how TrOn modules could be updated to reflect the new syllabus. The Commission will be renamed 'The Neuroscience Board'.

3.4 Commissioning

The NHSE Specialised Neurosciences Commissioning Group, had finalised the neuroscience specifications that Dr Mike Dilley, Dr Niruj Agrawal and Prof Eileen Joyce had contributed to. The public consultation would conclude by December. The good news was that the specifications stipulated that every regional neuroscience centre should have a neuropsychiatry service. Prof Joyce would check with Dr Dilley whether the document could be circulated. **Action: Prof Joyce**

3.5 Joint working

The Faculty had been working with the Old Age Faculty on their documents on Transitions, Early Onset Dementia and the Parkinson's Disease Pathway. The Faculty was represented on the working group updating the College Report on Autism. Prof Joyce had been liaising with the ABN.

3.6 Future plans

The Faculty would focus on the following projects next year:

- Developing the neuropsychiatry syllabus
- Developing SpR rotation opportunities at the regional level
- Contributing to the Neuroscience Board: developing the core and higher trainee syllabus
- Epilepsy working group: set up a network for epilepsy surgery
- Neurorehabilitation working group: devise a syllabus for neurorehabilitation

3.7 Questions from the audience

Members asked about the merit of working with neuroradiologists. Prof Joyce confirmed that the Faculty was looking into that.

Members asked about a possible endorsement in neuropsychiatry. Prof Joyce explained that the GMC would not approve new endorsements, hence the Faculty was working towards a credential. In the meantime, to become a neuropsychiatrist, members should continue to obtain experience of neuropsychiatry.

A retired member asked how he could help with mentoring members looking to become neuropsychiatrists. Prof Joyce suggested contacting Dr Kirk, the Faculty's mentoring lead.

4 VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr Medford explained that Neuropsychiatry was not a GMC approved specialty and the Faculty had been working on a credential instead. He had attended the General Adult Specialty Advisory Committee and he had heard that setting up a credential may not require an Act of Parliament, as originally thought.

The Liaison credential had been finalised and recognised by the College, but not yet by the GMC. Some job descriptions had started asking for a Liaison credential certificate as a desirable attribute.

The Perinatal Faculty were carrying out 2 pilots: pre-CCT and post-CCT. There would be more information available at the College's Curriculum Committee in 2 weeks.

The Faculty Education working group would carry on working on the Neuropsychiatry curriculum and syllabus with a view to establishing a credential.

5 FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr Kirk reported that the Faculty's balance was £87K. The officers had agreed that the Faculty should be spending more money on bursaries: £20K had been budgeted for trainees to attend next year's conference. Other priorities included supporting the working groups and working with the CCQI to set up a Neuropsychiatry Network.

6 ACADEMIC SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr El-Nimr thanked everyone for attending the current conference. There were a record 400 delegates across the 2 days. He asked members' views on holding the 2019 conference at the College again: it was financially viable as the venue was free. Also, London was symbolic for overseas delegates. Members agreed.

Dr El-Nimr added that the Faculty was considering holding an additional conference per year in the regions, if the regions were happy to host this.

7 FUTURE MEETINGS

20 September 2019, at the College