**MINUTES of the Business Meeting**

of the Faculty of Perinatal Psychiatry

on **16 November 2017**

21 Prescot St

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| **1** | **Welcome and attendance**  
Dr Trudi Seneviratne (Chair)  
Dr Giles Berrisford (Vice-Chair)  
Dr Andrew Cairns (Finance Officer)  
Dr Livia Martucci (Academic Secretary)  

Around 80 faculty members were in attendance.  

Dr Seneviratne welcomed everyone to the business meeting. |
| **2** | **Chair’s business**  
Dr Seneviratne reported on Faculty activities from the past year:  

- **Wales:** Since the Welsh Assembly Government had made money available for Perinatal Mental Health services in Wales, there had been a rapid development of services. The Children and Young Person’s Education Committee of the Welsh Assembly Government had recently held a consultation into Perinatal mental health and Dr Smith and other psychiatrists had given verbal evidence. The hope was that this would lead to specific monies to re-establish an MBU, probably in South Wales.  

- **Scotland:** the Scottish Perinatal Managed Clinical Networks had been set up, led by Dr Roch Cantwell.  

- **Northern Ireland:** The Faculty was considering a possible joint event with RCPsych in Northern Ireland.  

- **The Service Specification for Community Services** had been finalised and would be going to the College’s Policy Committee shortly.  

- **The Outcomes Framework for Perinatal Mental Health Services** would be finalised by the end of January 2018.  

- **Elections:** The Faculty would be holding elections for a Finance Officer and 7 Elected Members to take office from June 2018. Nominations would be circulated in December/January. Dr Seneviratne thanked Dr Cairns, the outgoing Finance Officer, for his hard work on the committee. |

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| 2 cont | • **Quality Improvement**: The College was embracing Quality Improvement and the Faculty was represented on the College-wide committee.

• The **Perinatal Surveillance System** would be set up as part of the CAP Surveillance System, which assisted clinicians and researchers to ascertain nationally cases of rare childhood mental health conditions. The first Perinatal study would be the "Near Miss Study" by Dr Easter from King’s College.

| 3 | **Perinatal bursary scheme**
Dr Seneviratne welcomed Dee Noonan, Project Manager for Building Capacity in Perinatal psychiatry.
She presented a map showing the spread of people attending the conferences and masterclasses. The plan was to run additional masterclasses in summer 2018 to target areas that had not been covered yet.
The next step was to develop the curriculum by the end of November; to create patient leaflets (via the Public Engagement Committee) and to create an online CPD module.
The CPD module would include a core module with additional overlapping and interacting units. The HEE had agreed to fund this and they had asked the College to make the module free to access. The bursary winners were involved in creating various strands of the module. The plan was to finish this by March 2018.

| 4 | **Vice-Chair’s report**
Dr Berrisford said that it was a very exciting and therefore busy time for Perinatal psychiatry. He urged people to put themselves forward in the forthcoming elections.

| 5 | **Finance Officer’s report**
Dr Cairns reported that after the conference, the Faculty would have around £42K in the accounts. The main expenditure was committee travel at around £4K. Future projects included the Trainee Conference and the planned joint conference with the Forensic Faculty.

| 6 | **Academic Secretary’s report**
Dr Martucci reported that the Faculty was planning to run a joint event with the Forensic Faculty on report writing and expert witness. The Trainee Conference would take place on 5 October 2018 at the College, aimed at trainees, medical students, consultants, GPs and Obstetricians.