

MINUTES of the  
**Business Meeting**  
of the Perinatal Faculty  
on **3 November 2020**  
**13.00-13.30**



1.	<p><b>Welcome from the Faculty Chair</b>  Dr Black welcomed members to the business meeting.</p>
2.	<p><b>Chair’s report</b>  She thanked members who demitted in the summer and introduced newly elected members: Jo Black (Chair), Cressida Manning (Vice-Chair), Sarah Cohen, Jennifer Cooke, Manal El-Maraghy, Chrisanthy Jayarajah, Catherine Thomas.  She also introduced newly co-opted members: Leanne Howlett (patient representative), Janine Griffiths (SAS doctor representative), Zainab Imam (international representative), Ian Jones (academic secretary), Will Davis (trainee representative), Elizabeth Rose (trainee representative), Archana Jauhari (RCPsych in Wales regional rep), Selena Gleadow-Ware (RCPsych in Scotland Faculty Chair)  Dr Black had been meeting with all committee members to find out what they would like to bring to committee.</p> <p>She thanked Dr Manning and Dr Taha for leading on the CR197 revision work. She said that the Faculty was proud of Dr Seneviratne, Immediate Past Chair, on her election as College Registrar.</p> <p>Dr Black talked about the new President’s priorities and how they linked to the Faculty’s priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversity: she is proud of how diverse the Faculty executive is</li> <li>• Supporting workforce: she acknowledged that this is a hard time for everyone personally and professionally and will think about how the Faculty can support members.</li> <li>• Sustainability: digital conference speaks well to the sustainability agenda.</li> <li>• International: Will think about the role of perinatal psychiatry in light of the College’s new international strategy.</li> </ul>

2 cont	<p>Dr Black reported that she had set up 4 working groups within the executive committee and described the roles of each group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic: To lead the Faculty in leading, assisting, promoting, disseminating and communicating research and celebrating and promoting perinatal psychiatry.</li> <li>• Teaching and training: to ensure we have a skilled and adequate workforce in perinatal psychiatry and that there is good knowledge of perinatal mental health amongst all psychiatrists.</li> <li>• International: To provide support for service development and teaching and training outside of the United Kingdom.</li> <li>• Service: to understand the specific strategic and operational needs of each area in the United Kingdom, working towards comprehensive and equitable perinatal mental health provision in all areas.</li> </ul> <p>Dr Black added that the digital conference gave opportunities and challenges. It was easier to meet with people from across UK and overseas, but she emphasised the importance of face-to-face networking and the aim was to re-establish face to face conferences when possible.</p>
3.	<p><b>Vice-Chair’s report: CR197 update</b></p> <p>Dr Manning introduced herself. She had taken up her post as Vice-Chair in July and had been part of the executive committee before that as part of the service development working group. The group had worked on the Faculty’s outcome report (CR216) and more recently on the <a href="#">revision of CR197</a>, co-chaired by Dr Manning and Dr Taha.</p> <p>Since the publication of CR197 in 2015, the report had a pivotal role in expansion and designing new services. However, development had happened at a different rate in the four nations. For this iteration, it was important to capture a shared vision across the nations and ensure equity of access and provision across the UK. The working group was hoping to have a final edited version by the end of this year, and hopefully publish by spring 2021.</p>
4.	<p><b>Finance report</b></p> <p>Dr Lewin introduced himself as the Faculty’s Finance Officer for the last 3 years. He reported that the current conference had over 180 delegates, with a projected surplus of around £14K.</p> <p>Plans for 2021 include the trainee conference in April or May, subsidised by the Faculty; involving patient representatives in the Faculty’s work; offering prizes and bursaries; producing a video about Valproate.</p>

5.	<p><b>Prize announcements</b></p> <p>Dr Black reported that she and members of the prize judging panel had met with some of the medical students who had entered the prize competitions. The entries were diverse, well- researched and very high calibre. She announced the winners and congratulated them.</p> <p>Medical student essay prize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner: Isabel Raynaud</li> <li>• Joint Runners-up: Sumayya Manji and Olabisi Ogunbiyi</li> </ul> <p>Medical student project prize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint winners: Diana Ples and Morenike Dasilva Ellimah</li> </ul> <p>The Daksha Emson poster prize winner would be announced later this week.</p>
6.	<p><b>Questions</b></p> <p>Q: Any news on perinatal credential?</p> <p>A: The training working group will oversee this and the Faculty has representation on the credentialing working group.</p> <p>Q: Can we read the essays?</p> <p>A: The winning essays will be published on the Faculty website.</p>