

## PIPSIG Exec: Wed 27 March 2019

Townwell House, Nantwich

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Present:

Tom Carnwath, Lesley Haines

Apologies:

Danny Allen, John Sharkey, Monica Shaha

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Katy Briffa has tendered her resignation. We would like to thank her for her input and enthusiasm, and hope that she reconsiders being part of the exec when time pressures permit

Finances

1. Treasurers' report previously circulated. We need to generate £2000 per year if we want to support the bursary
2. Bursary

We will not have time to advertise, judge and award this at the Annual Meeting on 12 July, but we can announce it at that meeting. Will also need to circulate details through the College and to trainees, possibly via the College trainees committees.

Need to decide on

- Precise nature of support: an app, or any innovative idea involving modern technology?
- Who is eligible and how to inform them of the project
- Criteria for judging: utility, feasibility and how tested, user-friendliness, marketing/access to app/idea, plans for onward development and how it will be evaluated
- Who will judge?

**Action:** Tom to contact Danny and pursue  
Need enough concrete information to launch on 12 July

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Feedback from College committees

No feedback from CPD/revalidation or Workforce committees

Tom is now on the Library Services Committee and can feedback in future

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Engaging the membership: 3678 members

1. Newsletter

We have not produced a newsletter for over 18 months, although articles have been submitted to Paul. Some discussion about whether a newsletter was the best way of communicating with the membership: decided probably is, but open for review if anyone has any better ideas

**Action:** Lesley to contact Paul. If he is no longer able to edit, to ask the College to advertise for a new communications person

2. Northern PIPSIG

Tom and Monica have liaised and have a few names of interested people from the Belfast meeting. Plan to find a venue and date, then ask College to invite divisional PIPSIG members: 290 in NorthWest, 264 in Yorks & NorthEast

**Action:** Tom to contact Catherine Langley to advertise once date set

3. Library services

We were hoping to have a presentation from the library services, but were unable to establish contact. We will ask them to present at the AGM in July.

4. College stand at conference

Catherine Langley is running a SIG stand at the international conference. Support from informed exec members welcome.

**Action:** Monica has contacted Catherine and volunteered a session. Other volunteers welcome.

5. Portfolio careers leaflet

Rosetta Wootton has sent a version of the existing leaflet. Lesley will edit it, then send it to Monica and Katy (even though she's resigned) for comments

**Action:** Lesley initially

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## Meetings

1. **AGM 12 July 2019, College HQ, Prescot St:** "Since you've been gone..." Important practical developments over the past 10 years.

Suggested charge: £120 members, £80 trainees

So far we have Lesley Peters talking on drug misuse, including novel psychoactive substances and Alan Currie on depression and bipolar disorder including ketamine and rTMS.

Other potential topics: (suggestions welcome)

- Schizophrenia including injectable clozapine and atypical depots
- Physical healthcare screening
- The real and imagined risks and benefits of social media
- Crisis and home treatment teams pros and cons?

**Action:** all: Note date  
Suggestions for engaging speakers

2. Meeting with Rol colleagues

We now have addresses of key personnel to contact re potential 2020 meeting

**Action:** Lesley to pursue

We are allowed two meetings a year. There is always interest in starting out in private/independent practice. We can see about running one of these if we don't make enough on the Annual Meeting.

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## AOB:

1. Patient/service user representation and non-members

No objections in principle, but non-members unable to vote or hold exec posts. Not sure who service users would be: solicitors? GP referrers?

2. Assistance to N Ireland constabulary in finding capacity assessments for LD patients alleging assault by PICU staff requested

**Action:** Lesley to liaise and see if Catherine has LD/PIPSIG members

3. Consultations:

- Medical indemnity: reply sent to College

- Telepsychiatry and immigration assessments: reply sent to College
- the MoJ want to talk to a psychiatrist about assessments in people claiming Criminal Injuries compensation on mental health grounds. Brief perusal of docs indicates psychiatric/psychological assessment specified for mental health problems, although for other conditions (pain, diabetes, rheumatology etc) any doctor's assessment is accepted.

**Action:** Lesley to circulate request, if interested and doing CICA assessments, please get in touch

#### 4. Succession planning:

Half way through terms of office and little sign of new blood willing to join exec. Worth circulating a request for:

- Communications person?
- Divisional reps?
- Vice-chair with a view to becoming chair?

Not sure if we are allowed to succession plan for elected representatives, but we could do with some continuity.

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Next meeting:

To be arranged, September 2019

Lesley Haines  
29 March 2019