Manager’s Note

2019 has been an extremely busy and productive year for the RCPsych in Scotland. We have welcomed the new role of a Devolved Nations Press Officer who has quickly overseen a significant uplift in positive engagement with the Scottish press. We were delighted that our proposal to increase activities four-fold for Choose Psychiatry in Scotland has been accepted by NES, and look forward to working closely with them in the New Year to continue the important job of encouraging the next generation of psychiatrists.

We have had very positive meetings and discussion around the development of a Scottish sick doctors’ service and anticipate a formal announcement about this shortly. Furthermore, Scottish Government has responded positively to the Personality Disorder Working Group’s recommendation for a managed network to oversee the improvement of PD services across the country, and we are working closely with them to progress the next steps of this commitment. We’ve also provided evidence, recommendations and comments on numerous consultations, the Independent Review of Mental Health Services in Tayside, and the final recommendations for the Independent Review of Learning Disability and Autism in the Mental Health Act.

The RCPsych in Scotland has also run 13 Faculty, working retired and retired conferences, 2 successful academic meetings (including an anniversary gala dinner and ceilidh celebrating 25 years of the College in Scotland) and 2 skills training events.

A big thank you to members and staff for all of their hard work, without which none of the above could have happened.

Best wishes,

Laura and Angela

Interim Managers of the RCPsych in Scotland