

Minutes and action points of the meeting of the RCoA Scottish Board held on Tuesday 23 October 2018 at the Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh.

Present:	Dr Sarah Ramsay Dr Daphne Varveris Dr Alastair Thomson Dr Phil Bolton Dr Alastair Hurry Dr Willie McClymont Dr Jon McGhie	Chairman Vice Chair + Elected Member Honorary Secretary + Elected Member Elected Member Elected Trainee Member Elected Member Elected Member
Ex Officio & Co-opted	Dr Janice Fazackerley Russell Ampofo Dr Kate Arrow Dr Monika Beatty Dr Fiona Cameron Dr Lesley Colvin Dr Lisa Manchanda Dr Neil O'Donnell Dr John Rutherford	Vice President, RCoA Director of Education, Training & Examinations, RCoA RCoA Scottish Clinical Leadership Fellow Lead RA in Intensive Care Medicine RA-A, East of Scotland SIGN Representative Joint Lead RA in Pain Medicine RA-A, West of Scotland Scottish Colleges Committee on Children's Surgical Services
Visitors	David Sturgeon Jennifer Stirton	Director of Development Team, MDDUS Interim Head of External Communications & Public Affairs,
MDDUS		
Apologies	Dr Paul Bourke Dr Graeme Brannan Dr Steve Cole Dr Mike Duffy Dr Ewan Jack Dr Alastair McDiarmid Dr Laura McGarrity Les Scott Dr David Semple Dr Malcolm Sim	Chair AAGBI Scottish Standing Committee Elected SAS Member Elected Member CD Representative Scottish Society of Anaesthetists RA-A, North of Scotland Perioperative Medicine Lay Representative RA-A, South East Scotland Academic Anaesthesia Representative

1 **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies** [Dr Sarah Ramsay]

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2 **Approval of Notes and Review of the Actions of the RCoA Scottish Board Meeting held on 19 June 2018** [Dr Sarah Ramsay]

Review of Actions from 19 June 2018 Meeting

- SALG – on main agenda.
- Q&S Group – thanks to David Semple for organising the Scottish Tutors meeting on 10 October. Daphne Varveris and Sharon Drake discussing aligning workstreams.
- Next meeting with CMO to be held on 4 February 2019, followed by meeting of the Scottish Board on 5 February 2018. Ravi Mahajan will attend both.

- Monika Beatty has replaced Carol Murdoch as RA in ICM. Noted that ICM is not represented on QR Panel and that this should be addressed. Dr Beatty agreed to take this on.

Action: Sarah Ramsay and Neil O'Donnell to co-write a letter to NES QMG

3 **Presentation and Discussion – Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland (MDDUS): 'Greater Engagement with Clinicians in Scotland'**

David Sturgeon (DS), Director of Development and Team, MDDUS and Jennifer Stirton, Interim Head of External Communications & Public Affairs, MDDUS

- DS had met with Liam Brennan 4-6 weeks ago to discuss developing a closer relationship with RCoA.
- MDDUS originated in Scotland and currently has around 1,000 members across the UK.
- A strong relationship had been with GPs and MDDUS hoped to explore developing a similar relationship with the RCoA.
- This would take the form of delivering courses, participating in events and giving members access to extensive online resources.
- Noted that this had been discussed at the President's meeting a few weeks ago and had received general support.
- Russell Ampofo urged caution around collaboration with commercial organisations and stressed that any event would need to be wholly collaborative.

Actions:

- **Sarah Ramsay and Russell Ampofo to explore possibilities of including either a MDDUS session in a meeting or a short 2-hour seminar**
- **Sarah Ramsay to work with MDDUS on possibility of the latter being involved in, for example the SSA meeting in June 2019**
- **David Sturgeon directed members to the MDDUS website. <https://www.mddus.com/>**

4 **Education, Training and Exams**

4.1 **Report from the RCoA Training Committee [Dr Willie McClymont]**

Willie McClymont had circulated a report that highlighted the following:

- Curriculum Review Group – high-level outcomes have been agreed and strategic approval sought from the GMC's Curriculum Oversight Group, which is expected to respond by October. Claudia Moran will circulate an update to regional leads highlighting changes to 3 year Core Training.
- Quality Management of Training & ARCP External Advisers – Committee advocates face-to-face reviews following ARCP panel decisions as they offer a beneficial point of contact with trainees.
- Lead Dean Report - Toolkits for reflection published by AoMRC and COPMeD. To be circulated to trainees.
- Differential attainment – encouragement to give additional support to reduce differences and for trainees who need assistance.
- Dual ICM & anaesthesia training appointments – HEE review of problem of simultaneous appointments.
- Simulation Strategy – a well-developed draft document which Boards and then Council have approved with the aim of integrating into the curriculum.
- College Tutor Meeting 2019 – request for "hot topics" and keynote speakers.

Russell Ampofo (RA) added that several Life Long Learning Platform bugs had been resolved and statistics would be updated every month. The next "test" of the system will be forthcoming ARCPs.

Sarah Ramsay asked how the differential attainment work would be widened and what the College was doing to lead on this initiative. RA responded that the Examinations Department is undertaking a study in conjunction with work being undertaken by the Workforce Committee and the Recruitment Committee. Work on exams is focussing on internal issues, equality and diversity.

Action: Russell Ampofo and Fiona Cameron to liaise to take forward

4.2 **RA-As Reports [RAs]**

a **Dr Alastair McDiarmid, North of Scotland**

Dr McDiarmid had circulated a report and the following points were noted:

- The remote and rural training post had been approved for 9 months of advanced training by the College. The post is 12 month's duration although it may be possible to do the neonatal training and pain/palliative care in the trainee's local area.
- 9 months would be OOPT and 3 OOPE.
- EMRS has indicated that the post available for retrieval/transfer training would be based in Aberdeen, not Glasgow.

b **Dr David Semple, South East Scotland**

- Excellent Scottish Tutors meeting organised.
- New Deputy RA appointed with overlap to current postholder to aid succession planning.

c **Dr Fiona Cameron, East of Scotland**

- No items to report.

d **Dr Neil O'Donnell, West of Scotland**

- Congratulations extended to Neil O'Donnell who has been appointed to another 3-year term as RA.
- South East and West of Scotland trainers have combined to put together a package of measures to improve trainee support, welfare, and morale which had been taken to STB to ascertain interest from the other specialities. This has been discussed with Russell Ampofo and will feature as an article in the Bulletin. Janice Fazackerley is taking forward this work by following up the morale and welfare report with Dame Denise Coia's Wellbeing Action Group and the work on undermining, bullying and harassment led by RCSE. Alastair Hurry indicated that the Scottish Academy's Trainee Doctors' Group is meeting with Denise Coia next week and Russell Ampofo had spoken with her. RCoA will be putting a link on its website to work currently being undertaken. Kate Arrow noted that there was lots happening but perhaps not very 'joined up' as yet.

Action: Sarah Ramsay to add to future agendas to follow progress of welfare work

4.3 **Recruitment Report [Dr Willie McClymont]**

Willie McClymont had circulated a comprehensive report:

- **Scottish Recruitment** – RAAs/TPDs agreed not to run February 2019 recruitment as numbers did not warrant it.
- **CT1/ACCS August 2019 Recruitment** – booked for 17-18 and 21-22 January 2019 in Dundee. Challenge from NES re costs for running over the 4 days. Request for assessors has gone out.
- **ST3 August 2019 Recruitment** – problem with national timeline window for interviews (1-12 April 2019) as clashes with majority of Scottish school holidays. Risk of assessors/applicants being on leave or unable to take leave due to service cover. Options being explored include completing interviews in 1.5 days. Issues also around availability of NES ipads, solutions being sought.
- **Recruitment Stakeholder and Recruitment Advisory Group (RAG) Meeting 11 October**
 - Now renamed Recruitment Advisory Group, which reports to Workforce and Training Committees both of which report to Education, Training and Examination Board.

- UK Medical Data Studies - presentation of initial study findings.
- National recruitment 2019 – timelines published. Northern Ireland to be a separate cluster.
- Increase in the number of complaints – in part because of the new system being run. Hopefully have addressed the points made.
- QA discussion around global rating score.
- Updated self-scoring system that is well developed.
- Dual programmes with ICM and the UK Offers System – widespread desire to appoint to dual at simultaneous process but rules currently forbid. Efforts to get Oriel to achieve this frustrated.
- Evaluating the selection system – study looking at interview scores and ARCP results. Higher self-score and overall interview score positively associated with satisfactory ARCP outcome.
- Question Bank – feeling that the question bank needs refreshed.
- Specific question from trainee asking if could apply to Scotland and England. Not possible because separate cluster within same appointment system. Automatic clearing is still an option for Scottish trainees.

Points raised from Willie McClymont's report:

- Neil O'Donnell reported that the Scottish Deanery is looking at the Dental and Medical Recruitment Task and Finish Group
Action: Neil O'Donnell to report back
- Simultaneous dual appointments will make identification of the post funding difficult. Currently if appointed to anaesthesia first, then anaesthesia fund the post; if appointed to ICM first, ICM fund. Unclear how this would work if appointed at the same time. Willie McClymont felt focus should be looking at what establishment is needed for ICM, but Monika Beatty stressed that funding was also important as many factors influenced who holds which post and when.
- Overall ICM supportive of moving to dual appointments.
- Janice Fazackerley noted that this was a 'computer issue'. The Oriel system cannot process this, but it is due to be replaced.
- Janice Fazackerley and Ravi Mahajan are to meet with the Dean of FICM to foster better collaboration between the RCoA and FICM. Sarah Ramsay welcomed the example that this will set to trainees in the dual specialties.
- Fiona Cameron referred to the challenges of LTFT after being informed that replacement appointments must be based on headcount, rather than WTE. This has resulted in a significant reduction of training numbers in the east. John Colvin, Scottish Government, had stated that this is not Scottish Government policy and that NES has changed it. A response was awaited from the Shape Transition Group. There appeared to be a disconnect between Scottish Government and the Deanery. NES had been approached from the west of Scotland and Neil O'Donnell had been informed that savings are used to fund training time and expansion. The LTFT Dean response had not been very helpful.

Action: Agreed that a clear argument needed to be made of the benefits of appointing LTFT equivalents and that it would be interesting to ascertain if HEE is doing the same. Russell Ampofo & Janice Fazackerley will investigate. Sarah Ramsay and Neil O'Donnell to contact John Colvin formally

4.4 ICM Training and FICM Report [Dr Monika Beatty]

Monika Beatty updated the Board as follows:

- Challenges around a new eportfolio for ICM.
- New curriculum is being launched in 2020 with the 3 ICM stages remaining.
- Competency system to be replaced with outcome based system.
- Trainee establishment now agreed.
- Challenges as the new internal medicine curriculum launches in 2019 – with ongoing discussions regarding the placement of IM trainees in ICM (IM trainees will do a minimum of 10 weeks but unclear if in ICU or HDU).
- Jon McGhie raised concerns regarding the provision of safe airway cover for intensive care units staffed by medical trainees who do not have training in airway management and the impact on anaesthetic departments. Sarah Ramsay noted

that this is a hot topic with the RCoA Council in light of some sections of GPICS v2 which is currently under consultation.

4.5 **Pain Training and FPM Report** [Dr Lisa Manchanda]

Lisa Manchanda had circulated a comprehensive report highlighting the following

- The Faculty of Pain Medicine had celebrated its 10th anniversary last year and numerous initiatives were published on the website to generate interest and improve pain training.
- A survey of trainees intentions regarding pain training has been completed, albeit with a low response rate.
- Over the past few months, the Faculty had launched Affiliate Fellowship for Acute Pain doctors with the aim of improving the connection with Acute Pain Medicine.
- Workforce concerns will continue to be highlighted and possible alternative solutions will be proposed to the Board.
- The Faculty completed a Workforce Census in 2017 with the assistance of the RAs. Jon McGhie interpreted the Scottish data and he outlined the concerns regarding workforce shortfall. He calculated that approximately 2 positions required to be refilled per annum over the next 20 years.
- These issues will be discussed at the Regional Advisors Meeting on 22nd November
- Lesley Colvin reported that a Short Life Working Group is looking at workforce planning, including use of credentialing . No date yet for the next meeting.

Action: Lisa Manchanda to forward trainee survey to Lesley Colvin

4.6 **Trainee Update** [Dr Alastair Hurry]

Members noted the following points from Alastair Hurry's circulated report:

- As the Scottish Academy's Trainee Doctors' Group (SATDG) representative on the UK Academy's Trainees' Group, Dr Hurry is able to put forward the Scottish trainees' perspective.
- Dr Hurry expressed concern that the 'Scottish voice' was not being heard at RCoA's Training Committee. Although aware of changes to the committee there had been no communication and no request for Scottish input into the new ToR. Russell Ampofo reported that the new ToR had been agreed at a recent RCoA Council meeting but had not been circulated more widely. It was acknowledged that communications needed to be re-established.

Action: Russell Ampofo to send ToR to Alastair Hurry and will discuss further

- Dr Hurry expressed the trainees' concerns that ICU Interviews and the final FRCA written examinations will be held in the same week in March 2019.

4.7 **Remote & Rural Training** [Dr Alastair McDiarmid - apologies]

See item 4.2a

4.8 **Staff and Associate Specialist Update** [Dr Graeme Brannan - apologies]

Graeme Brannan had attended the SAS meeting and had emailed his report, which highlighted the following issues:

- Members continue to be involved in the organisation/running of events for SAS grades across different specialties. These events have been well received.
- Issues regarding autonomous practice were raised. What qualifies a SAS grade for this? Appeared to be employee specific but it was clarified that you do not need final FRCA.
- After discussion, it was agreed that a proposal to the RCoA Board be made for the College to support the reinstatement of the Associate Specialist post and Janice Fazackerley reported that RCoA Council had indeed approved the reopening of the Associate Specialist Grade.

Action: Daphne Varveris to inform Graeme Brannan of this development

4.9 **Scottish Multi-professional Anaesthetic Assistants Development Group** [Dr Willie McClymont]

- The issue of numbers and training will be on the agenda for the CMO meeting.
- Ongoing review of the portfolio – meeting on 25.10.18

4.10 Workforce Planning [Dr Neil O'Donnell]

Neil O'Donnell had circulated a comprehensive report, which included a summary of the Scottish Board's submission to the Shape of Training Transition Group.

- Based on future workforce projections there are strong arguments to support increased training numbers in both Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine.
- Submission to the Transition Group for August 2019 requested an additional 10 ST posts and an additional 5 CT posts.
- ICM – of 30 establishment posts only 20 of them have people training in them as a result of base specialty at appointment, resignations etc.
- There is currently an annual recruitment target of 12 posts for ICM and it is hoped that the Transition Group agree to cover funding of one new post to enable this.
- Rowan Parks had sent a letter confirming that the Transition Group had approved the posts although funding had not yet been agreed between Scottish Government and NES. As recruitment rounds are coming up this will need clarification asap.

5 Communication and External Affairs – Engagement

5.1 Royal College of Anaesthetists President's Report [Dr Janice Fazackerley]

- Ravi Mahajan elected President in September 2018.
- Janice Fazackerley and Simon Fletcher had been elected to serve as Vice Presidents with Dr Fazackerley serving a second term.
- The new President aims to focus on external relationships.
- Governance and Restructuring – 3 lay members have joined Board of Trustees.
- 4 Boards of Trustees meetings and 6 Council meetings per year.
- Board meeting in September approved the development of a RCS England, RCGP and RCoA collaboration to look at streamlining the patient pathway.
- NAP 7 – Perioperative Cardiac Arrest.
- Technology strategy programme – any comments/feedback to Russell.
- The new website is under construction.
- Workforce – a priority. The President has met with the Secretary of State and referred to this issue.
- Support for reopening the Associate Specialist Grade (as above).
- Association of Anaesthetists Suicide survey – please complete.
- PA(A)s to be subject to regulation, welcomed by RCoA. Not clear who regulator will be – both GMC and NMC are interested. A number of HEE stakeholder events to talk about PA(A)s are being held and work is ongoing to reinvigorate the Anaesthesia Related Professionals Committee.
Action: Sarah Ramsay intimated that the number of PA(A)s working in Scotland was not clear. Currently, registration is voluntary with the RCoA but will be some who have not registered. Sarah Ramsay to contact Chris Scorer
- Upcoming Events
 - SALG 22 November, Newcastle
 - Diploma Ceremony in September and not in May
 - Anaesthesia 2019, 3 day meeting in May to be held in London. Information on College website.
 - 20/20 flagship meeting is due to be held over 3 days in Manchester
Action: All asked for opinions/feedback

5.2 Scottish Clinical Leadership Fellow: Update [Dr Kate Arrow]

Kate Arrow updated members as follows:

- **ACSA**
 - Attended ACSA training day at RCoA and visited St Johns.
 - MOU between RCoA and HIS has been signed.

- HIS aiming to roll out in Scotland, but will need 'marketing'.
- Sarah Ramsay reported that Mike Duffy had asked the CD network and there is no 'top down' information on ACSA use as yet in Scotland.
- There will be a presentation at the Scottish Society meeting in April from a representative of an ACSA accredited department.

Action: Daphne Varveris to contact Simon McKenzie (was seconded to HIS but not clear if remains in post)

Action: Kate Arrow and Daphne Varveris to attend HIS Annual Review meeting on November 15th and ask Brian Robson, Medical Director, HIS, about progress

- **PCAT** – approaching 100% site coverage (Western General Hospital and Royal Hospital for Sick Children expected to come on board soon).
- Involved in patient facing aspect of the website – making podcasts and have patients on board.
- Work around the Scottish Access Collaborative.

5.3 **Lay Committee** [Mr Les Scott - *apologies*]

No report.

5.4 **Scottish Academy Meeting 10 September 2018** [Dr Daphne Varveris]

Daphne Varveris had circulated a comprehensive summary of items discussed at Scottish Academy – main points follow:

- Javid Kayani had given a presentation on the International Fellowship Scheme run by the University Hospital Birmingham.
- Bawa Garba – Derek Bell and Alan Paterson had met with the Lord Advocate and no undertaking had been given that reflective notes would not be used in future cases.
- Clinical Excellence Awards – Eighth year of Scottish Government's undertaking to look at CEAs in Scotland. However, there had been no activity. Scottish Academy proposing to set up a small group to discuss how to take this forward.
- External Advisers' report – 9/1 jobs still being offered with some job descriptions still stating 'not known'.
- Mortality & Morbidity – work continues led by Manoj Kumar.
- Realistic Medicine – Atlas of Variation.

Action: Sarah Ramsay and Daphne Varveris to review this. Need to cross-link to data collection for the Scottish Access Collaborative

- RM leads have been appointed.

5.5 **Scottish Access Collaborative** [Dr Sarah Ramsay]

Sarah Ramsay reported that this is a massive programme of work with a huge overlap with perioperative care. The Board will be kept updated.

5.6 **CMO Specialty Adviser's Report for Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine** [Dr Daphne Varveris]

- Improving the nation's health – a UK wide plan. SG healthy weight and diet plans have 5 main themes and include measures to tackle childhood obesity (see below)
- Meeting 28 September – the Atlas of Variation dashboard introduced.
- Next steps - act as champions.
- Medico-legal aspects of shared decision making.
- Cancer medicine outcome programme.
- Support for all collaborative working, IT sharing to help support clinical practice. Supporting digital transformation, looking at the importance of big data.
- Health technology information project on blood sugar monitoring. Data is owned by Abbott – usually the patient owns the data – they do not want to release the data in Scotland.
- Recent meeting with FICM team, Liz Wilson (SICS President) and CMO – discussion was centred around support for trainees and training numbers.

5.7 **Realistic Medicine** [Dr Daphne Varveris]

Discussed.

5.8 **Scottish Academy Health Improvement – Obesity/Nutrition/Physical Activity Initiative** [Dr Daphne Varveris]

Update from Daphne Varveris:

- **SHAAP**
 - SHAAP report had gone to Scottish Academy.
 - “Dying for a Drink” paper published.
 - 8th European meeting being held on 21 November and will be opened by Nicola Sturgeon.
 - Continues to gather information on the impact of Minimum Unit Pricing.
 - Seminar on alcohol and recovery and developing seminars on men and alcohol.
 - Scottish Government’s Alcohol and Drugs Strategy has now been pulled together.

- **Obesity Action Scotland**
 - New plans issued for tackling obesity.
 - Consultations underway.
 - Implementation of chapter 2 of the Government’s Child Obesity Plan, to which Scottish Government is committed.

- **Scottish Government and the Implications of Brexit**
 - How might Scotland’s powers be affected?

- **Public Health (PH)**
 - RCoA Policy team is engaging in the PH debate.
 - What can the College contribute to the discussion.
 - Numerous groups and pathways, difficult to see how they link together

Action: Daphne Varveris to contact Kathryn Stillman. Phil Bolton happy to be involved

5.9 **RCoA Engagement with Scottish Parliament** [Dr Sarah Ramsay]

Sarah Ramsay reported that the Board had submitted its response to the Safe Staffing Bill. The BMA had also replied to the consultation and had made the same points. The Board will be kept up-to-date. The response had been sent in September and nothing had been heard back.

5.10 **Review of ECMO Services in Scotland** [Dr Jon McGhie]

The group next meets in November and Jon McGhie will report back.

Action: Jon McGhie will update in due course

5.11 **Scottish Board e-Newsletter** [Dr Sarah Ramsay/Dr Phil Bolton]

Phil Bolton will take over the writing of the e-Newsletter and members were asked for their input with regard to content:

- Important to ensure that the issues the Scottish Board discusses are disseminated to the wider membership.
- Noted that the half-day strategy day on how to engage with members, which will include the results of the membership survey, will be held as part of the 5 February 2019 Board meeting.
- Noted that the timing of a newsletter needed to be carefully planned so that it did not clash or repeat what RCoA had already sent out (President’s newsletter was mentioned specifically).

Action: Phil Bolton to liaise with Gavin Dallas in Comms

- Agreed that a short summary of items discussed at Scottish Board meetings should be made available to the wider membership (specific to Scotland).
- Board members asked to assist with writing articles.

Action: All

5.12 RCoA Relevant Meetings [Dr Sarah Ramsay]

- Joint SSA and RCoA Winter Scientific Meeting, Apex Hotel, Dundee, 15-16 November 2018

6 Clinical Quality and Research

6.1 Scottish Anaesthesia Q&S Group [Dr Daphne Varveris]

- Group had not met since June Board meeting.
- Awaiting further input from David McDonald/ISD with database template
- Caldicott approval not required.
- Maybe more to report at next meeting.

6.2 Scottish Morbidity and Mortality [Dr Daphne Varveris]

Nothing to report.

6.3 Safe Anaesthesia Liaison Group [Dr Daphne Varveris/Dr Sarah Ramsay]

- Rebranding of SALG to the Anaesthesia Safety Group (ASG).
- New terms of reference being written to include supporting a new learning management.
- Single representative from each devolved nation – to discuss if representation should come from Scottish Anaesthetic Quality and Safety Group.
Action: Daphne Varveris to discuss with Paul Bourke, AAGBI
- NAP 5 Glossy due for release to promote and supplement the recommendations from NAP 5 (anaesthesia and awareness).
- SALG endorsement policy – previous work to endorse, approve or support local safety initiatives. There is now a template available that can be completed and submitted for SALG approval.

6.4 ACSA and NHS HIS [Dr Daphne Varveris/Dr Kate Arrow]

Discussed previously.

6.5 CD Representative Update [Dr Mike Duffy - **apologies**]

Mike Duffy to update at next meeting.

6.6 Perioperative Medicine [Dr Alastair Thomson]

- Alastair Thomson drew the Board's attention to the Centre of Perioperative Care's *Fitter, Better, Sooner Campaign*.
- Sarah Ramsay noted that going forward Laura McGarrrity would be representing POM.
- Anaemia management pathway had been endorsed by the RCoA Council and will be presented a consensus meeting on 25th October 2018.
- Janice Fazackerley reported that POM was to be developed as the Centre for Perioperative Care. Although hosted by the College it will be multi-specialty, and linked closely with regional activity.

6.7 Consent Issues and Patient Information [Dr David Semple - **apologies**/Dr Daphne Varveris]

A Patient information leaflet had been produced and been piloted at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Daphne Varveris had taken it to the Queen Elizabeth but without success as yet. There is a meeting in a couple of weeks when feedback from the GRI will be reviewed – if

none this will be taken back to the Central Legal Office. No representation from Tayside or the North. No clear is similar materials available for paediatric patients

Actions:

- **Sarah Ramsay to get in touch with Alan McFarlane re regional representation**
- **Phil Bolton to assess if paediatric materials would be helpful**

6.8 **Academic Anaesthesia** [Dr Malcolm Sim – apologies]

Malcolm Sim had circulated a report, which focussed on the formation of an academic anaesthesia network throughout Scotland as a first step.

Action: Malcolm Sim to keep the Board up-to-date with discussions

6.9 **SIGN Update** [Dr Lesley Colvin]

Lesley Colvin's circulated update was noted:

- The new National Clinical Guideline for the Management of Chronic Pain in Children and Young People (collaboration between CMO Speciality Advisors Group/SIGN) was published online in March 2018. There is a proposal for a SLWG to develop an implementation plan (through the National Advisory Committee for Chronic Pain).
- G-i-N conference (International guideline development conference) –co-hosted by SIGN and NICE) took place in Manchester in Sept 18.
- SIGN 136 (Management of Chronic Pain): there is an update to the opioid section in progress, due to changes in published evidence for risks/ benefits: planned completion date: Dec 2018.
- A number of proposals have been provisionally approved:
 - Preventing type 2 diabetes
 - Optimising glycaemic control in type 1 diabetes mellitus
 - Diabetes in pregnancy - linking with NICE guideline
 - Eating disorders
 - Dementia – focus on interventions
 - Lymphoedema care – consensus guideline

7 **Reports from Committees and Other Groups**

7.1 **Maternity Care Issues CEMD/ SASMM/ Maternity Care Quality Improvement**
[Dr Willie McClymont]

- Report noted.

7.2 **Scottish Colleges Committee on Children's Services** [Dr John Rutherford]

John Rutherford reported that:

- National Paediatric database – project ongoing.
- Medical paediatric staffing remains an issue in Scotland.
- Difficult to get professional development training across Board boundaries.
- NHS passport – able to go and work in other areas. Information on NHS Employment (England) website.

7.3 **Scottish Society of Anaesthetists** [Dr Ewan Jack - **apologies**]

Dates:

- 15-16 November – Preparations for the Joint RCoA/SSA Winter Scientific meeting in Dundee are well advanced and is now almost fully booked.
- 25-26 April 2019 Annual Spring meeting Dunkeld House Hotel.
- 14 December, Edinburgh- invitation from the BMA to represent the anaesthetic community at a BMA event *Secondary Care Sustainability in Scotland*

Action: Sarah Ramsay will contact the BMA and aim to attend

Examiners' Survey

- At the last SSA ASM consultant colleagues were asked what holding them back from applying to join the examiners of RCoA. The reasons were mostly around 'excessive' term of commitment (many would consider if only five years) and ability to offer less than full time commitment.

7.4 **Scottish Standing Committee AAGBI** [Dr Paul Bourke - **apologies**]

No report.

7.5 **Scottish Health Technologies Group** [Dr Jon McGhie]

Jon McGhie's report is attached for information and covers:

- Freestyle Libre®
- Direct Tests for Detecting Liver Fibrosis and Cirrhosis
- NICE Medical Innovation Briefings
- Airglove air warning system for venous access
- Mechanical thrombectomy devices for acute ischaemic stroke (possible implications for provision of anaesthetic support)

8 **AOCB**

No items.

9 **Dates of Meetings 2019**

Scottish Board Meetings, all held at RCPE, 10:30 – 15:00

- Tuesday 5 February 2019 (Strategy Event)
- Tuesday 4 June 2019
- Tuesday 1 October 2019