



Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc

Report – Chair of the Accreditation Subcommittee

1. New terms request for interns and RMOs

This year has been a busy time in relation to requests for new terms at the respective health services to be approved for accreditation. All terms put forward by the health services for review by the Accreditation Subcommittee have been approved for 12 months and will be reviewed at least three months prior to their expiry dates. The PMCT website has been updated accordingly so that relevant stakeholders are provided with information in a timely manner.

2. Follow up reviews of health services accredited terms- 6 monthly reviews

As a result of the full accreditation survey visits in 2015, there were a number of terms identified by the survey team that required follow up within a 6 month timeframe. These reviews have been completed and reviewed by the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee within the specified timeframes and all terms have had ongoing approval. Health Services have been informed and the PMCT website has been updated accordingly. Where applicable the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia have been informed in writing.

3. Reports to the Medical Board of Australia (MBA), Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and Australian Medical Council (AMC) from the Accreditation Subcommittee

The March 2016 report has been provided to the MBA, and has been accepted. The report required by the end of September 2016 for the MBA and the AMC is well underway and will be completed in the next few weeks. The AMC report has been delayed by six months due the AMC reviewing the intern Standards.

4. Ongoing discussions re new members of the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee

The Chair and Subcommittee members have been actively discussing broadening the base of the Subcommittee to ensure that there is provision of new ideas and profession input. We are also mindful of the AMCs concern of the potential for conflict of interest in Tasmania. The requirement for consumer input has also been suggested by the AMC. Two new committee members, Dr Marianne Catchpole (proposed by the University of Tasmania) and Dr Adil Syed (Chair of the Tasmanian JMO Forum), have joined the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee this year.

5. Workshop on 11 August 2016 for Accreditation Subcommittee and stakeholders

As part of ongoing Continuing Professional Development in accreditation across the state, a workshop was held on 11th August for Accreditation Subcommittee members, survey team members and key stakeholders. The workshop was facilitated by Ms Debbie Paltridge who has extensive experience in prevocational medical education. Sixteen participants from Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital and the North West Regional Hospital attended the workshop. The aims of the day were to develop a shared understanding of the accreditation process as well as trying to standardise and streamline the survey process with an emphasis on survey report writing. The feedback from the workshop was excellent and a number of participants have expressed an interest in becoming survey team members and being involved in further workshops.

6. Updating forms, policy documents and related timelines pertaining to survey visits and PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee activities

The Subcommittee has been actively reviewing documents in relation to PMCT accreditation survey visits as the survey visit process moves from a three year cycle to a four year cycle. These documents, once approved, are being updated on the PMCT website and relevant stakeholders are being informed of the variations.

I would like to thank the Accreditation Subcommittee members for their active involvement and continued support during 2016.

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Chair of Accreditation Subcommittee PMCT
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