



**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.
Board Meeting 2 March 2016**

Report- Chair of the Accreditation Subcommittee

1. Psychiatry term at LGH for RMOs

This term was only approved until 2 December 2015 due to senior staffing issues and related concerns. The ongoing approval of this term was to be considered at the meeting of the Accreditation Subcommittee at 11 November 2015.

At this meeting there was a request for further information from the CEO of the LGH, Ms Sonia Purse, as well as the Junior Medical Officer that had undertaken this term to determine if the continued accreditation should be approved. (It should be noted that approval for Interns and IMGs for psychiatry term at LGH was removed from 2 September 2016. Information was requested in support of ongoing approval at the RMO level only.)

Substantiating information was gained by Dr Hemmings as requested, and was presented to an out of sessions meeting of the Accreditation Subcommittee. The RMO term was granted 12 months' accreditation until 2 December 2016 with a follow up review at 6 months.

2. Report to Australian Medical Council (AMC) from the Accreditation Subcommittee.

AMC provided information in a letter dated 18 December 2015 to Associate Professor Terry Brown in regards to changes to the intern standards they are working on. The particular focus is Junior Doctor Wellbeing and Patient Safety. There is to be a National working party instigated to develop these changes and thus AMC has requested that the report the Accreditation Subcommittee provides to AMC by 31 March 2016 be delayed and not presented until 30 September 2016. The impact on the workload re the Subcommittee is yet to be determined and what information the health services will have to provide is unknown to date.

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

This report is in the process of being written and will be provided to the Medical Board of Australia by 31 March 2016 as prescribed by the MBA. All aspects of the Gantt Workplan have been updated and the final intern numbers are waiting to be provided from the relevant hospitals.

4. Follow up reviews of health services- six monthly reviews

In 2015, accreditation surveys were undertaken at Royal Hobart Hospital, Launceston General Hospital, North West Regional Hospital and Mersey Community Hospital. It was highlighted from these surveys that there was a need for six month follow up reviews of some terms. The Accreditation Subcommittee met on 11 February 2016 and approved the proforma for these reviews and the secretariat of

the Subcommittee has now reviewed all of the follow up reports which are required for the four health services. Dr Hemmings is working with the individual sites so that they may be guided as to what information and evidence is needed for the Accreditation Subcommittee to make informed decisions within the timeframe prescribed by the MBA and AMC. Feedback will be sought re the format of the six monthly review document.

5. Survey form and survey timelines review

From the meeting held in September 2015 with survey team members in Launceston, and the subsequent ratification of the recommendations by the Accreditation Subcommittee at 11 November 2015 meeting, many of the forms used in full survey visits have and are being reviewed to remove duplication and ensure the health service is clear about what information and evidence must be provided in support of existing and new terms. More work is to be done on these forms and then feedback from users will be sought.

The Accreditation Subcommittee after feedback from survey team members has agreed to extend the survey period from one day to one and a half days and to include up to two interstate accredited surveyors to further avoid the removal of bias.

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Chair of Accreditation Subcommittee PMCT
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