



Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.

Board Meeting 5 December 2018

Report- Manager of the Accreditation Committee (PMCT AC)

1. AMC five yearly report from PMCT AC

The five-year report to the AMC from the PMCT ASC/AC was completed by 2 October 2018 and accepted by the AMC.

On 22 November 2018, Dr Terry Brown received informal advice from the AMC that they had accepted the report and agreed to recommend to AMC Directors to extend the accreditation of PMCT for three years, to 31 March 2022, subject to satisfactory yearly progress reports to the AMC.

2. GP intern term at Scottsdale Medical Centre – parent hospital Launceston General Hospital (LGH)

A new term was presented to an exceptional meeting of PMCT AC on 6 November 2018. The term consists of 4 days at the Ochre Medical Centre at Scottsdale and the Friday of each week at the ED of the LGH. Dr Natalie Burch is the supervisor for this intern term and will work with the intern using wave consulting model in the practice. The Friday work in ED will also be under the supervision of Dr Lucy Reed and Dr Burch (works in ED on Friday) and will allow the intern to join the intern tutorial which will be on each Friday at LGH. The term is approved as non-core from 1 January 2019 to 30 January 2020 to allow for the completion of the full term. Term evaluations will be provided to PMCT AC for their consideration to ensure interns are supported in this new term.

3. Name change from PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee to PMCT Accreditation Committee (AC) and review of specific AC policies

The PMCT AC is working through a range of documents to ensure that the name change from Subcommittee to Committee has been enacted. While doing this all of the policy documents for the Accreditation Committee are being reviewed as all of the remaining policy documents must be updated by 2019. The Communication Policy was reviewed and approved at the November 2018 meeting of the PMCT AC.

4. Report from the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee (PMCT ASC) to the Medical Board of Australia (MBA)

The report from the PMCT ASC to the MBA was provided to the MBA and a letter from the MBA indicated it had been accepted and sent to the Tasmanian Board of the MBA for their information.

5. Ongoing review of GP intern terms- Locations: King Island, Queenstown (Parent Hospital- NWRH) and Huon Valley (Parent Hospital-RHH)

The PMCT AC requested from all parent hospitals (RHH and NWRH) the term evaluations from the interns who attended these GP intern terms. Overall it was agreed at these locations the majority of the evaluations were most positive. Isolation was an issue and the DCTs are working actively to ensure this issue is minimised. The Flinders Island location did not have interns in Term 3 but in Term 4 an intern was selected. Term evaluations will be presented to the AC at each

meeting or earlier if it is deemed any issues have been identified. All parent hospitals have been provided individual timelines when reports and term evaluations are to be provided to PMCT AC. This timeline will be updated when the AC requires additional information.

6. Hobart Private Hospital (HPH) Annexe- ongoing accreditation for surgical rotation location at Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH)

The PMCT AC has been considering the ongoing accreditation of the HPH Annexe for interns who are undergoing surgical rotations. This location was originally approved in August 2017 and term evaluations were supplied and reviewed by the AC members. Concern was identified in relation to nursing staff, met calls and patient notes. Meetings were undertaken within the HPH and the RHH including in the DCT at RHH (Dr Allan Beswick), and Kaye Veal met with Dr Jenny King (acting EDMS RHH) and a risk management plan was presented by both RHH and HPH to the PMCT AC. It was agreed to provisionally re-accredit the location until December 2019 with term evaluations to be presented to the AC at each meeting or earlier if it is deemed the issues have not been addressed by both Hospitals. The PMCT AC will write to the HPH and the RHH outlining the concerns identified and the requirement for updating risk management plans and ongoing review.

7. GP RMO term at Devonport (Parent Hospital -NWRH)

A new GP RMO term was considered with location at East Devonport with Dr Bryn Parry (four days) and one day a week at the Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) at the ED (under the supervision of Dr Marielle Ruigrok). The location has two years funding. The term was approved from 1 January 2019 to 30 January 2020, to fall into line with all of the GP terms (both intern and RMO). Term evaluations will be requested to ensure the term is providing the desired outcomes.

8. Resignation of Dr Lynn Hemmings as Manager of PMCT AC.

Dr Lynn Hemmings is currently on Long Service Leave. When Dr Hemmings returns she will continue in her roles as Deputy Chair of PMCT, Principal MEA and MEA in the North West. She has however resigned from her position as Accreditation Manager but will remain on the Accreditation Committee in her role as PMCT Deputy Chair. Kaye Veal has been promoted from Accreditation Secretariat to Accreditation Manager, which commenced 15 October 2018.

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