



## **Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.**

### **Board Meeting June 2018**

#### **Report- Chair of the Accreditation Subcommittee (PMCT ASC)**

##### **1. GP intern terms at locations in Tasmania- six-month review**

The intern GP terms at locations of Queenstown, King Island, Flinders Island and Huonville were reviewed to ensure the accredited terms meet all of the requirements as stipulated by the AMC at the 6 June 2018 meeting of the ASC. All terms were deemed to have met the requirements of accreditation and approval for ongoing accreditation until the end of 2018 was agreed by the PMCT ASC. It was also agreed that all parent hospitals would be written to, by the PMCT ASC Secretariat, to request each term evaluations for each location so that this may be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Discussion was undertaken re additional locations for GP terms proposed by Ochre and ongoing discussions will occur over the next months. To date, no approval for new locations in 2018 has been considered.

##### **2. Suspension of accreditation GP intern term at Ochre Medical Centre St. Helens**

At the meeting of the Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania (PMCT) Accreditation Subcommittee on 6 June 2018, the ongoing accreditation of the GP intern term at Ochre Medical Centre St. Helens, Tasmania was considered. Due to recent, significant staffing changes and resignations at the St Helens Medical Centre, the Accreditation Subcommittee has agreed to the suspension of this location as an accredited intern term effective 6 June 2018. The Ochre Medical Centre at St Helens has been asked for reports on the staffing issues and once staffing is resolved the Accreditation Subcommittee will reconsider the accreditation status. The PMCT website has been updated accordingly and the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia has been informed. Interns who undertook the placement, prior to 6 June 2018 are not affected by this decision.

##### **3. Response from Royal Hobart Hospital re Intern terms identified issues from Survey report 2017**

The Royal Hobart Hospital(RHH) were requested to provide further information in relation to concerns raised in the Accreditation Survey 2017. The RHH provided relevant information in support of the issues raised.

It was agreed by the PMCT ASC that term evaluations for those interns who worked at the Hobart Private Hospital Annexe would be requested to ensure the patient safety issues, support of interns, and administrative issues, which were noted in the evaluations, were monitored and reviewed by the ASC.

It was also agreed that the RHH would be requested to provide further information in relation to the Education meetings for Junior Doctors and this will be provided at the end of 2018 for the ASC to consider.

All other aspects of the survey report have been met.

##### **4. PMCT ASC Prevocational Accreditation Forum 10 August 2018**

PMCT is convening a one day forum to provide key stakeholders within Tasmania the opportunity to explore issues with respect to prevocational accreditation.

Dr Jo Bernard, a medical consultant, with extensive medical management experience will facilitate the forum. Jo has been involved in accreditation since 2000 and during 2014 participated on the Accreditation and Standards Review Committee. Her involvement with prevocational and college accreditation systems has led to a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of accreditation principles and practices. Ms Debbie Paltridge, a medical education consultant who was involved in the development of the new National Intern Training Standards will co-facilitate the forum. In addition to PMCT staff, we will be inviting health service staff, representatives from UTAS, Tas MBA, AMA and members of PMCT committees.

#### **5. New Chair of the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee**

Ongoing discussions in relation to the Chair of the PMCT ASC has been raised with the management committee after consideration of the role of the Chair of the PMCT ASC. Further information has been gained from other PMCs in Australia undertaking accreditation and it has been deemed that the Chair's role should be held by an officer who is independent to the PMCT staff.

Discussion was undertaken prior to the meeting of 6 June 2018 and Dr Jodi Glading (DHHS) was approached to undertake this role. At the meeting on 6 June 2018 of the PMCT ASC supported Dr Glading taking on the role for the remaining meetings of 2018 and thereafter. Dr Hemmings will become the Accreditation Manager and will take over the role of the Deputy Chair of the PMCT ASC. Dr Corinne Ginifer has relinquished the role as Deputy of this Subcommittee but will continue as a member of the Accreditation Executive.

#### **6. New GP member of the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee**

An application from Dr Boon Shih Sie was considered at the PMCT ASC meeting 6 June 2018 to join the PMCT ASC. Dr Sie is a medical practitioner undertaking General practice training in Launceston, a Registrar Liaison Officer (RLO) with General Practice Training Tasmania, a surveyor for PMCV accreditation team from 2014 to 2016 and has attained his fellowship with the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administration (RACMA) in February 2017. The application was agreed to by the ASC and Dr Sie has now accepted the invitation to join the ASC.

#### **7. AMC five yearly report and change to AMC standards**

The five-year report to the AMC from the PMCT ASC is to be completed by 2 October 2018 and will require a considerable increase in workload.

Also new and amended AMC Standards in relation to patient safety, Junior Doctor welfare and support and resolution of training problems and disputes have been highlighted and will now be incorporated into the survey documentation.

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

The report from the PMCT ASC to the MBA due 31 March 2018 has been accepted by the Medical Board.

#### **9. Meeting between the PMCT and the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia.**

On 8 June 2018, Associate Professor Dr Terry Brown (Chair PMCT) and Dr Lynn Hemmings (Accreditation Manager) met with Dr Andrew Mulcahy (Chair of the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia and Ms Jayne Convey (AHPRA-Manager Medical). The meeting was most productive.

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8 June 2018