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**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc  
PMCT Board, 6 December 2017**

**Report – Chair of the Accreditation Subcommittee**

**1. PMCT accreditation survey cycle**

The accreditation survey visits at the North West Regional Hospital and Mersey Community Hospital (NWRH-MCH), Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) and Launceston General Hospital (LGH) have all been undertaken. The reports in relation to NWRH-MCH have been enacted and the PMCT website updated accordingly. The health service and the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia have been informed in writing.

The RHH report is being considered at this Board meeting.

The LGH report is being written by the survey team. All timelines have been met.

Feedback in relation to the survey appears to be most positive. The evaluations will be considered by the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee (PMCT ASC) in 2018 when feedback from all sites has been received.

**2. GP Intern terms in Tasmania approved until 31 December 2018**

OCHRE Health supported by the THO provided a request for the PMCT ASC to consider the approval of GP Intern terms (non-core) in the Tasmanian health setting. The ASC considered the request which were for five terms and it was agreed unanimously that provisional accreditation of 12 months was granted to:

- two (2) intern terms from the North West Regional Hospital being rotated to King Island General Practice and Ochre Medical Centre, Queenstown,
- one (1) intern term from the Royal Hobart Hospital being rotated to Huon Valley Health Centre, Huonville, and
- two (2) intern terms being rotated from Launceston General Hospital to Flinders Island General Practice and Ochre Medical Centre, St Helens.

At the 21 November 2017 meeting of the ASC it was agreed to extend the provisional accreditation to 31 December 2018 and to have an evaluation presented at six months- this would allow for the terms to run the full intern year.

**3. RHH-Hobart Private Hospital (HPH) Annexe**

At the ASC of 17 August 2017, further information was provided in relation to the request from the RHH to consider the eight beds in the Annexe at HPH for interns to be able to attend in their training. It was agreed to provisional

accreditation for 12 months' effective 17 August 2017. This will be reviewed prior to the 12-month expiry date.

#### **4. Reports from the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee to the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and the Medical Board of Australia (MBA)**

The reports from the PMCT ASC to both the AMC and the MBA which were due by the end of September 2017 were provided to the relevant bodies. These reports outline the accreditation tasks that have been undertaken and the terms which have been accredited. These are provided for information of the Board.

#### **5. Meetings attended by the Chair of the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee**

On 14 September 2017, I attended the National Forum on Mental Health and Reducing Risk of Suicide in the Medical Profession hosted by the Australian Medical Association and Doctors Health Services Pty Ltd. in Sydney. This was a meeting of more than 70 stakeholders from all around Australia. Papers are being produced re the outcomes but the topic is very complex and clearly showed it was multifactorial.

On 12-15 November 2017, I attended the Prevocational Medical Education Forum and as part of this was the PMAN meeting (14 November 2017). There was discussion at these meetings of some accrediting bodies developing a web portal and that face to face accreditation visits may not be considered.

#### **6. Overview of the PMCT ASC year and looking forward to 2018**

This year has been very busy for the ASC and its members- we have completed three full accreditation surveys at the four sites in Tasmania where intern training is provided. We have moved towards the accreditation cycle of every four years rather than the previous three-year cycle. We have reviewed all the documents and processes involved in survey visits and developed a range of user friendly forms for the health services to use in a streamlined method of providing relevant information for the accreditation survey.

We have met all of our timelines, which have been agreed with the health services, in relation to the survey visits.

Next year heralds the five year review we must undertake with the AMC in relation to our role as an accrediting body in Tasmania and this will be mean a great deal of work for the PMCT ASC and Secretariat.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Accreditation Subcommittee and the Secretariat for their ongoing commitment and valuable contribution to the Subcommittee.

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