



**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.
Board Meeting 4 December 2019
Report- Manager of the Accreditation Committee (PMCT AC)**

- 1. Reports to the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) from the Accreditation Committee.**
 - The Medical Board of Australia has accepted the report provided by the PMCT AC for the period ending September 2019.
- 2. Report from the PMCT AC to the Australian Medical Council**
 - This report was completed and was sent to AMC within the prescribed timelines. The report is being considered by this Board meeting.
- 3. Mid-cycle accreditation review**
 - The Mid-cycle review is progressing well with THS-NW considered by the PMCT Accreditation Committee on 6 November 2019 and all recommendations were approved. The PMCT Executive of the Board have reviewed the document and approved it on 11 November 2019. All aspects of the report has been enacted and the health service has been provided with a final copy of the report.
 - RHH review is underway with a change to the Lead Surveyor due to Dr Ginifer being unavailable. Dr Beth Mulligan has agreed to be Lead Surveyor.
 - LGH Mid-cycle review has started on 11 November 2019 and Dr Allan Beswick will be Lead Surveyor for this review.
- 4. GP intern and RMO terms**
 - There continues to be staffing issues with the GP term at King Island, but the parent hospital (NWRH) has been working proactively to ensure the interns are supported in their positions in the GP roles. Ochre Health has appointed a suitably qualified medical practitioner for a three-month period in 2020 (which covers Term 1 of 2020) and it has been agreed that an intern will undertake a GP term at King Island in 2020. The PMCT AC continues to monitor this situation with the DCT and MEA at NWRH.
 - Launceston General Hospital (LGH) requested that the GP intern term at Flinders Island be suspended due to significant staffing issues. There have not been any interns in this term for the majority of 2019. Newstead Medical was approved (LGH - parent hospital) in 2019 to accommodate interns undertaking GP terms in rural environment. The Committee approved the suspension of Flinders Island GP intern term effective 6 November 2019. This term will be reviewed in 12 months (or earlier) as per the Level and Duration Policy which can be obtained from the PMCT website. https://www.pmct.org.au/images/PMCT_Accreditation_Policy_-_Level_and_Duration_of_Accreditation_V2.3_2019.pdf
 - At 11 November 2019 meeting, extensions to accreditation dates were considered for Ochre Scottsdale Medical Centre (LGH- intern term), Newstead Medical (LGH-intern term) and Huon Valley (including Bruny Island) (RHH- Intern and PGY2+ term). These terms were all due to expire on 30 January 2020 and were required to be considered so there was continuity of training. All terms were extended in line with the accreditation dates of the respective hospitals.
 - At 11 November 2019 meeting, the Committee considered a change of circumstance for additional new sites for the Huon Valley (including Bruny Island) GP PGY2+ term. The new sites considered were: Huon Eldercare, Franklin and Huon Valley Health Centre -Cygnet (14 George Street, Cygnet). The PMCT AC approved the new sites

for the PGY2+ term only, from 6 November 2019 to 30 December 2021. This had no effect on the GP intern term at Huon Valley (including Bruny Island).

- October 2019, Ochre Health provided to the PMCT AC copies of the AHPRA Public Register showing all doctors at Ochre Medical Centre St Helens were now registered and all doctors held specialist registration. The term was subsequently accredited from 2 October 2019 to 30 January 2021.

5. Directors of Clinical Training reports

- Oral reports are provided by each the Directors of Clinical Training, from the three parent hospitals, to the PMCT AC quarterly meetings ensuring a transparent process in relation to the support of interns.
- **DCT- LGH:**
 - Emergency Department: Remains as provisionally accredited until January 2020, pending review – Junior doctors are not affected.
 - Cardiology terms- no interns undertaking this term and 2 RMOs working there- this is to be the same in 2020.
 - GP term feedback is very good.
- **DCT- NWRH-MCH:**
 - The feedback from the GP terms for this hospital have been of a good standard and continue to be good terms. King Island GP term is being monitored.
- **DCT- RHH-**
 - HPH Annexe- Use of HPH annexe beds has resumed although not all surgical units utilise the venue. Feedback overall not alarming with most interns feeling orientation is adequate and documentation issue at the HPH not a consistent problem. One of the main complaints is the distance to HPH from the other end of the RHH.
 - Issues with interns in General Medicine and Emergency Department. Ongoing meetings being held at RHH and PMCT AC continues to monitor the effect on Junior Doctors.
 - Huon Valley GP term has excellent feedback and supervision.

6. Review of the ongoing approval of the Hobart Private Hospital (HPH) Annexe

- This location for intern training was only approved until 30 December 2019. The Committee reviewed deidentified term evaluations and relevant information. It is noted when K Block opens the use of the Annexe will be reconsidered. The Committee extended the approval of the site until 30 June 2020, noting that the Mid-cycle review will consider this site.

7. Minor changes to the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the PMCT AC

- Minor changes approved of the TOR so that the terminology was clearer. This was approved, amended and updated on the PMCT website.

8. AMC – possible changes to the intern training years

- There have been ongoing discussions Australia wide with AMC and all bodies associated with the accreditation and registration of interns.
- The consideration is that the training period will be changed from one year to two years but interns will gain general registration after the second year.
- It should be noted that PMCT AC does accredit PGY2+ terms and all of these terms are being considered in the Mid-cycle review process.

9. Intern terms and the PMCT website

- PMCT has contacted all health services in Tasmania to remind them that Intern Completion forms must have the exact name of the accredited intern terms listed on the PMCT website. Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) use the PMCT website to ensure the terms are all accredited. The PMCT website is always being updated with any changes to terms.

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