



**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.
Board Meeting 18 March 2020
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 six monthly report for the period ending 30 March 2020 is almost complete, along with the report on the number of interns undertaking training in Tasmania (92 interns in 2020) and the Gantt four-year workplan for the Accreditation Committee.

- 2. Australian Medical Council**
 - AMC is to undertake a survey visit to review the accreditation of the PMCT in mid 2021. This review is for a further eight-year accreditation cycle. The PMCT is accredited until March 2022. The AMC has indicated it wishes to review a survey visit, to a hospital in Tasmania that PMCT will be undertaking, in the 2021 survey cycle.
 - Timelines have already been developed by the PMCT AC with the full survey visits commencing June-July 2020. NWRH- MCH will be the first of the hospital sites to undergo the survey visit with a proposed face to face visit in late October 2020. It is envisaged that the timing of the AMC visit may link in with the timeline for the RHH survey visit. This is yet to be confirmed.
 - AMC provided to PMCT the outcome of the PMCT yearly accreditation report in March 2022 (for noting at 18 March 2020 PMCT Board meeting). The AMC found that PMCT continues to meet the domains for assessing accreditation authorities and that PMCT has no remaining conditions on their accreditation.

- 3. Mid-cycle accreditation review**
 - The Mid-Cycle review teams for both the RHH and LGH have reviewed the relevant documents provided by both hospitals.
 - RHH overview: The interim Mid-Cycle review report for the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) is being considered at this meeting of the PMCT Board. It is envisaged that the remaining documents, requested by the Mid-Cycle review team, are to be sent to PMCT AC by the second week after Term 2 finishes and then they shall be collated and reviewed by the team, via teleconference. If there are no issues then a further report will be issued, finalised, checked by the health service for factual issues and considered by both PMCT AC and PMCT Board. Date for completion has not been determined but the RHH has agreed to the extension.
 - LGH overview: Due to the lack of Term Evaluations for majority of the terms the Mid-Cycle review has been extended for up to six months so the hospitals can provide Term Evaluations for these terms for Terms 1 and 2 of 2020 as well as Term 4 of 2019. As well as details relating to the interns and RMOs attending the education meetings at the LGH. A letter was sent to the LGH on 11 February 2020 to inform them of the outcome. It is envisaged that the remaining documents, requested by the Mid-Cycle review team, are to be sent to PMCT AC by the second week after Term 2 finishes and then they shall be collated and reviewed by the team, via teleconference. If there are no issues then a report will be issued, finalised, checked by the health

service for factual issues and considered by both PMCT AC and PMCT Board. Date for completion has not been determined.

4. Accreditation Risk Management report 2019

- Approved and accepted by the PMCT AC with no changes and has been sent to the PMCT Board meeting for consideration.

5. New and amended terms

- Stroke/ Neurology Intern core term (LGH parent hospital) was considered as this term was not put up for accreditation in 2017 survey visit. No interns will undertake the term in 2020 as interns have already been allocated to their terms in this year. The number of specialist supervising doctors has increased for this term and supervision can be offered at the required level for interns. The term was provisionally accredited for 12 months and the DCT has been requested to provide feedback re the RMO experience in Stroke/ Neurology in 2020 (provided at each PMCT AC meeting) and PMCT AC requested the DCT to inform PMCT if an intern undertakes the term in 2020. PMCT website updated.
- Change of Circumstance: Supervisor- St Helens GP intern term- LGH- Dr Rebecca Storck was approved a supervisor for interns at the GP location. Dr Storck has had her qualifications accepted by the Medical Board of Australia and holds Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.
- Request to accredit Psychiatry PGY2+ term for IMGs at PGY2+ - LGH- the supervisors for this term have increased and has been approved. PMCT website updated.
- Review and accredit two terms General Medicine C and General Medicine Outreach for Interns/ PGY2+/ IMGs- core- LGH. There has been a change of workflows at the LGH with respect to the General Medicine C- Outreach and it has been decided to break the term into two. One term will cover ward 4D patients and the other will cover Outreach patients who are coming through the ED and as yet to have a bed allocated.
PMCT AC accredited the terms as core intern/ IMGs at PGY1 level and PGY2+ terms from 18 February 2020 and the expiry date will align with the other terms of the LGH (e.g. February 2022). The General Medicine C- Outreach has ceased being an accredited term as from 18 February 2020. PMCT website updated.

6. GP intern and RMO terms

- The DCTs reported on their individual GP terms at item 7.
- Change of Circumstance - Huon Valley GP Intern term - Huon Eldercare Franklin site – RHH. A request to add Huon Eldercare, Franklin as an approved location for interns undertaking GP non-core term at Huon Valley. There have been changes at the practice (both staff and workloads). RHH wanted to clearly show the intern role rather than the RMO role in the Term Description (which is a combined version) as well as to stipulate no more than 25% of clinical time to be spent at Huon Eldercare, transport details and amendment of the weekly timetable for interns.

The Term Description has been amended and approved by the RHH as well as Huon Valley GP clinic and was subsequently approved by the PMCT AC Panel on 9 March 2020. The PMCT website was updated, all stakeholders (including the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia) were informed of the change and a final Term description was sent to RHH and the Huon Valley for their records.

7. 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: no issues still waiting for outcome of accreditation status. Expected any day now as overdue on College's own timelines. ED supervision is at a good standard
 - Feedback re Scottsdale GP term – excellent and no issues
 - St Helens GP Term- no interns as yet- starting 2020- no feedback as yet.
 - Newstead GP intern term- no interns in Term 1 2020
 - Cardiology terms- no interns undertaking this term

- **DCT- NWRH-MCH:**
 - Feedback from Queenstown GP intern term is great.
 - Feedback from Don Medical- no actual Term Evaluation from residents even though requested- anecdotal feedback only.
 - East Devonport- intern in 2019- supervisor raised some issues (2019) but with an RMO in it for 2020 the feedback has been good.
 - King Island (KI) GP Intern Term-using long-term locums but interns at KI feel well supported- NWRH is keeping close contact with King Island intern to ensure no issues- Interns are informed re changes in supervisor.

- **DCT- RHH-**
 - HPH Annexe- will know more when K block transitions and date and timeline is still unknown for the changes to occur.
 - DCT RHH sourcing feedback from current General Medicine interns with regards to the changes which have occurred and how that is working for them. Medicine rostering has improved and using the Hospital at Night program this has changed the workload. DCT and MEA will monitor closely- the terms are still busy but not as busy as last year. DCT reported JMOs are grateful for the shorter shifts they are now doing.

8. **Guide for applying for new terms and amending terms** was considered and accepted by the PMCT AC. The information has been updated on the PMCT website so that health services and other stakeholders have guidance when applying for accreditation of terms will improve clarity when reviewing terms. The document will be updated if new requirements are needed.

9. Survey planning for 2020-2021

- Planning and reviewing documents for the full survey visit is underway. Timelines will be developed for each location and each of the hospital sites will be contacted well before the survey timelines to provide information.
- Timeline for the PMCT AC as well as milestones has been developed so that workflow can be monitored.

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