

**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.
Board Meeting 16 September 2020
Report- Accreditation Committee (PMCT AC)**

1. Medical Board of Australia (MBA)

- Report for the MBA from PMCT for the period 1 April to 30 September is to be sent to MBA mid-September 2020. The Financial Report for the Financial Year 2019-2020 will be provided as per the MBA/Ahpra contract

2. Australian Medical Council

- Report for the AMC from PMCT for the period 1 September 2019 to 30 September is to be sent to AMC mid-September 2020. The four year workplan will be provided which shows the planning for the full survey visits to the Health Services in Tasmania for the period 2021-2023.

3. Mid-Cycle accreditation review

- RHH and LGH Mid-Cycle reviews progressing well with all survey teams having met and reports finalised and sent to respective Health Services to comment on any factual issues. Both Health Services have been provided with individualised timelines for the remainder of the survey process.
- All documents in relation to the Mid-Cycle survey process will be reviewed and each member of the survey team as well as staff in the hospitals, who compiled the information, will be sent a survey request to provide feedback on the entire process.

4. Accreditation Risk Management report

- Due to further review of the pandemic situation, it was identified that the risk report for the PMCT AC did not fully address circumstances such as succession planning and moving to a stable, secure online environment. The changes were considered and approved by the PMCT AC and is now being sent to the PMCT Board for review.
- The Policy document was deemed as not needing review.

5. New and amended terms

- NWRH applied for a new GP PGY2+ term at King Island (previously only approved for Interns) at an exceptional meeting on 29-30 June 2020. This was considered by the PMCT AC Panel and was provisionally accredited for 12 months from 30 June 2020. Reports to be provided at 6 and 12 months.
- RHH provided 8 Intern Term Descriptions (General Medicine A, B, C, D and E and General Surgery A, B and C) with Hospital at Night component added. This is part of the requirements listed in Interim Mid-Cycle Review report for the RHH. The changes were approved at the 18 August 2020 meeting of the PMCT AC.
- A request was received from LGH re revoking the accreditation of the Flinders Island GP term, due to lack of suitable supervision. This was agreed and enacted on 18 August 2020.
- NWRH applied for a new GP Intern/ IMG/PGY2+ term at Ochre Heath Centre, Smithton on 18 August 2020 meeting. This was provisionally accredited for 12 months from 18 August 2020. Reports to be provided at 6 and 12 months.

- Urology/ENT/ Ophthalmology Non-Core term at RHH was considered at 18 August 2020 meeting to be considered a Core term for interns. Excellent feedback was provided in support and a few changes to the Term Descriptions were requested in relation to contact details for ENT and Ophthalmology resulted in approval of the change.
- Huon GP Intern Non-Core term was considered at an Exceptional Panel meeting in September 2020 and a new site of Huon Eldercare at Franklin was approved from 4 September 2020. This site was previously approved but due to COVID-19 the approval of the site was removed due to a request from Huon Valley in April 2020.
- In all cases the relevant bodies were informed and the PMCT website updated to reflect the changes.

6. 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:**
 - GP terms at Scottsdale and St Helens- positive feedback
 - Emergency Department: travelling well, waiting for clinical educator to be appointed to provide training for interns in ALS
- **DCT- NWRH-MCH:**
 - Issues with significant number of medical staff testing COVID-19 positive and effect on staffing from prolonged periods of quarantine
 - Staffing issues due to border closures, staff absences, illness has led to staff shortages
 - Recent interviews with a majority of interns, RMOs and IMGs show that, from a health and well-being perspective, they felt well supported by PMCT staff through the pandemic. They felt that the THS had been supportive, and provided sufficient education, training and updating regarding COVID-19 changes.
 - GP terms at Queenstown and King Island has been excellent
 - Education for interns largely been overcome by the LGH kindly allowing the NW JMOs to attend their weekly JMO tutorials.
 - With changes occurring due to pandemic all Term Descriptions at NWRH and MCH will be reviewed.
 - General level of pandemic fatigue.
- **DCT- RHH-**
 - Huon Valley GP term will be filled for Term 4- appropriate supervision and work will be available for the Intern.
 - Intern tutorials predominantly face to face- COVID safe manner
 - Intern well-being: Overall well supported by EDMS, departments and term supervisors, and JMO colleagues. Intern training requirements not significantly impacted by COVID related changes (although some interns experienced changes in unit allocations in term 2).
 - HPH Annexe- Not currently used for surgical annexe beds -being considered in the Mid-Cycle review.
 - Issues with K Block- blackspots for phone reception.

7. Change of members on the PMCT AC

- Dr Terry Brown has joined the Committee in role of Chair of PMCT Executive.

8. Survey planning for 2021

- On 25 September 2020 there will be a training day in relation to training of surveyors and understanding the accreditation process. This will support the survey visits planned in 2021 and 2022.

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Chair PMCT Accreditation Committee
4 September 2020