

**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc.
Board Meeting 9 December 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 was completed and sent by 30 September 2020.

2. Australian Medical Council

- Report for the AMC from PMCT for the period 1 September 2019 to 5 October 2020 was sent and is attached for information. Planning for the visit of the AMC in July 2021 for the accreditation visit of the PMCT is underway.

3. Mid-Cycle accreditation review

- All Mid-Cycle reviews have been completed and an independent feedback survey was undertaken with both the survey team members and hospital and PMCT staff who helped collate the survey documents for each of the health services. Work has been undertaken by the Accreditation Manager and Advisor to develop processes to address some of the identified concerns and issues.
- Letters of appreciation have been sent to all survey members for the work they have done in the very first desk top Mid-Cycle review undertaken by PMCT AC.

4. New and amended terms

- LGH- new Core General Medicine D term for Interns/IMGs and PGY2+. Outcome: provisionally accredited from 10 November 2020 to 30 January 2022- this allows for completion of the term in 2021.
- LGH- amended Hospital at night (non-core)- LGH consulted with the RHH re the changes that had been made at RHH and developed the changes. Outcome: variation to the term Description was approved.
- LGH- St Helens GP non-core term for interns/IMGs/PGY2+ was due for review as these terms were only accredited until 30 January 2021. Due to COVID-19 the Mid-Cycle review team could not determine ongoing accreditation for these terms as Junior Doctors had not completed them as they had returned to the LGH. Further information was provided by the LGH. Outcome: accreditation has been extended to February 2023.
- LGH- Stroke/Neurology core term for interns/IMGs at PGY1 was provisionally accredited until 18 February 2021 and the Mid-Cycle review team asked for this to be considered by the PMCT AC as there was not enough supporting information. Further information was provided by the LGH and accreditation 12 months extension was approved and regular feedback on the term was requested. Outcome: accreditation was extended to 18 February 2022.
- RHH- Oatlands (Midlands Multipurpose Health Centre) GP term for PGY2+ (must hold general registration) was considered for accreditation. Outcome: the term was provisionally accredited from 10 November 2020 to 30 January 2022 - this allows for completion of the term in 2021.

- RHH- Ochre Barrack Street, Hobart GP non-core term was considered for interns only. Outcome: the term was provisionally accredited from 10 November 2020 to 30 January 2022 - this allows for completion of the term in 2021.
- RHH- Geeveston Medical Centre, Geeveston GP non-core was considered for interns only. Outcome: the term was provisionally accredited from 10 November 2020 to 30 January 2022 - this allows for completion of the term in 2021.
- In all cases the relevant bodies were informed and the PMCT website updated to reflect the changes.

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:**
 - Dr Sheldon reported on terms which were identified in the Mid-Cycle review- all terms are at a good standard and no issues.
 - Funding re Scottsdale GP term for PGY2+ is an issue and may not be an option in 2021.
- **DCT- NWRH-MCH:**
 - Overall interns, RMOs and IMGs have coped well in a difficult year which, for many, has involved term allocation changes and changes to rosters and shifts due to operational changes to manage COVID-19 risks. Many of our JMOs have accrued leave that they are unable to take due to medical workforce shortages. A JMO forum is planned within the next few weeks to give the JMOs an opportunity to raise any concerns regarding working hours and leave entitlements.
 - Feedback from interns and RMOs doing GP terms in Queenstown and King Island remains excellent, although we have no placement at King Island in Term 4. Early feedback from our first RMO at Ochre Health Smithton has been positive. Accreditation for the GP term at Don Medical Centre expires on 30 January 2021 and NWRH is not seeking to renew this.
 - 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.
 - The NW JMOs continue to access the weekly JMO tutorials in Launceston, which has taken a lot of pressure off NWRH system.
 - Dr Ginifer has decided to leave the NWRH-MCH.
- **DCT- RHH:**
 - Intern education and support at RHH- vast majority of tutorials are now face to face, there are online options as well. Over the last two months there have been four Psychology Capital sessions facilitated by clinical psychologist/psychologists so that junior doctors can build a bank of well-being strategies.
 - GP term at Huon- Term 4 feedback is good.
 - Hospital at Night- Intern experience is generally good, and they feel well supported, RMO cohort evaluations indicate term is not meeting expectations, these issues are being addressed.
 - Recruitment and retention- all 2020 interns have been offered positions at RHH; some have taken up other offers (which they had already indicated).

6. Changes in members of the PMCT AC

- Dr Corinne Ginifer resigned from the PMCT AC after many years of outstanding service and support. A thank you letter was sent to Dr Ginifer.
- Dr Alison Tasker who is the DCT at NWRH has joined the Committee.

7. Survey planning for 2021

- The RHH has agreed to have a full survey visit in 2021 – the proposed visit dates are 19 and 20 July 2021. Work is underway identifying the survey team and developing new processes for delivering documents for the survey team as well as the health services.
- Zoom will be used extensively and a hybrid process of face-to-face meetings with the survey members and zoom meetings with the health service members is being developed.

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30 November 2020