

Membership of Council Committees, Reference Groups and Boards

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Audit and Risk Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to monitor the integrity of the financial statements, reviewing and challenging the actions and judgements of management as required; to review the internal control and risk management systems; and to monitor the internal and external audit services.

Proposed Council Membership

Sir Rodney Brooke
Professor Trudie Roberts
Professor Peter Rubin
Mr Stephen Whittle

Executive Leads

Paul Philip
Ellen Wright (Audit)
Helen Blythe (Risk)

Provisional Meeting Dates

Tuesday 10 March 2009
Tuesday 28 April 2009
Wednesday 16 September 2009
Thursday 12 November 2009

Remuneration Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Council about the appropriate remuneration and terms of service for the Chief Executive; Directors; the Chair of Council and other holders of honoraria such as chairs of committees, reference groups, and boards; and any other such officers and posts as determined by the Resources Committee.

Proposed Council Membership

Ms Ros Levenson
Dr Malcolm Lewis
Professor Jim McKillop
Mrs Enid Rowlands

Executive Leads

Neil Roberts
Andrew Bratt

Provisional Meeting Dates

We had originally suggested Wednesday 25 February 2009 for the first meeting, but now propose to canvas members to establish whether an earlier date in February is feasible.

The next meeting is planned for Thursday 10 September 2009.

Resources Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to guide the Council on the most appropriate strategy for the handling of financial and other resources; to ensure that the Council is adequately resourced to achieve its aims, including by the management of its reserves; to secure effective control of expenditure by scrutinising and authorising annual budgets; and to oversee all aspects of the GMC's financial and accommodation arrangements.

Some members of the Resources Committee also serve as employer Trustees of the GMC's Staff Pension Scheme.

Proposed Council Membership

Professor Jane Dacre
Dr Sam Everington
Archy Kirkwood
Mr Robin MacLeod
Professor Rajan Madhok
Dr Johann Malawana
Dr Joan Martin
Dr Hamish Wilson.

Executive Leads

Neil Roberts
Steve Downs

Provisional Meeting Dates

Wednesday 4 March 2009
Tuesday 21 April 2009
Wednesday 30 September 2009
Wednesday 25 November 2009

Education and Training Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of the Education and Training Reference Group is to identify and take forward improvements in medical education, in particular by supporting the Council in meeting its statutory duty to co-ordinate all stages of medical education, identifying and suggesting ways of addressing any potential for inconsistency (for example at points where medical students / doctors transfer from one stage to another), and promoting high quality in all aspects of medical education.

Proposed Council Membership

Sir Rodney Brooke
Professor Jane Dacre
Dr Johann Malawana
Mrs Suzanne McCarthy
Dr Mairi Scott
Mr Stephen Whittle

Executive Leads

Paul Buckley
Martin Hart

Fitness to Practise Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of the Fitness to Practise Reference Group is to identify and take forward improvements in Fitness to Practise, in particular by providing a forum for ensuring that the GMC's Fitness to Practise procedures are fit for purpose, monitoring and reviewing their operation and its statutory framework, making proposals for modification and improvement as necessary, and securing the effective discharge by the GMC of its duty to deal with doctors whose fitness to practise is in doubt.

Proposed Council Membership

Dr Joan Martin
Mrs Suzanne McCarthy
Professor Peter Rubin
Professor Iqbal Singh
Professor Terence Stephenson
Ms Anne Weyman (tbc)
Dr Hamish Wilson

Executive Leads

Paul Philip
Anna Rowland

Registration Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of the Registration Reference Group is to identify and take forward improvements in Registration, in particular by working with the Registrar to maintain and, as necessary, revise a policy framework securing a single standard for registration which doctors, wherever qualified, can reach by different routes, making proposals where necessary for amending the statutory framework, and advising on issues related to the fitness for purpose of the registers, their content and publication, and access to them.

Proposed Council Membership

Dr Malcolm Lewis
Mr Robin MacLeod
Mrs Enid Rowlands
Dr Mairi Scott
Ms Anne Weyman (tbc)

Executive Leads

Neil Roberts
Ben Jones

Standards and Ethics Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of the Standards and Ethics Reference Group is to foster excellence in medical practice by supporting the formulation of guidance to doctors on the principles of good medical practice and ethics, analysing the issues raised, formulating policy proposals for approval by the Council, and facilitating the interpretation and application of GMC policy in response to specific questions as they arise.

Proposed Council Membership

Dr Sam Everington
Ms Sally Hawkins
Dr John Jenkins
Ms Ros Levenson
Professor Jim McKillop
Mrs Ann Robinson

Executive Leads

Paul Philip
Jane O'Brien

Research Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of the Research Reference Group is to ensure that the GMC's research priorities are being addressed, identifying research needs and opportunities in line with the strategic, business and operational plans and overseeing and co-ordinating the delivery of research activity.

Proposed Council Membership

Archy Kirkwood
Professor Rajan Madhok
Professor Trudie Roberts
Mrs Ann Robinson

Executive Leads

Paul Philip
Simon Higdon

Equality and Diversity Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of the Equality and Diversity Reference Group is to help embed equality and diversity as central to the development and review of policies and procedures across the GMC, advising on the action required to fulfil the GMC's commitment to valuing diversity and promoting equality, and to processes and procedures that are fair, objective, transparent and free from discrimination.

Proposed Council Membership

Professor Jane Dacre
Ms Sally Hawkins
Ms Ros Levenson
Professor Iqbal Singh

Executive Leads

Paul Philip
Simon Higdon

Undergraduate Board

Purpose

The purpose of the Undergraduate Board is to enhance the GMC's ability to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by co-ordinating the GMC's four regulatory functions as they apply up to the completion of Foundation Year 1 (following the merger with PMETB, it is expected that this will be extended to the completion of Foundation Year 2). This will include the standards and outcomes for basic medical education and their quality assurance, the application of *Good Medical Practice* and other standards and ethics guidance in the context of undergraduate medical education, the initial registration of doctors, and issues relating to student fitness to practise.

Proposed Council Membership

Sir Rodney Brooke
Ms Sally Hawkins
Dr Joan Martin
Professor Jim McKillop
Professor Trudie Roberts
Dr Mairi Scott
Professor Iqbal Singh
Mr Stephen Whittle

Executive Leads

Paul Buckley
Martin Hart

Provisional Meeting Dates

Tuesday 31 March 2009
Thursday 25 June 2009
Tuesday 15 September 2009
Tuesday 10 November 2009

Postgraduate Board

Purpose

The purpose of the Postgraduate Board is to enhance the GMC's ability to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by co-ordinating the GMC's four regulatory functions as they apply while a doctor continues in postgraduate medical education. (Until the merger with PMETB is concluded, responsibility for postgraduate medical education and training rests with PMETB, with which the Postgraduate Board will liaise closely. The postgraduate board is responsible for matters relating to fitness to practise, registration, and standards and ethics.) This will include the application of *Good Medical Practice* and other standards and ethics guidance in the context of postgraduate medical education and research, and all matters to do with fitness to practise, registration and licensing as they relate to postgraduate trainees.

Proposed Council Membership

Professor Jane Dacre
Dr John Jenkins
Ms Ros Levenson
Mr Robin MacLeod
Dr Johann Malawana
Mrs Enid Rowlands
Professor Terence Stephenson
Dr Hamish Wilson

Executive Leads

Paul Buckley
Martin Hart

Provisional Meeting Dates

Wednesday 29 April 2009
Tuesday 9 June 2009
Thursday 5 November 2009

Continued Practice Board

Purpose

The purpose of the Continued Practice Board is to enhance the GMC's ability to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by co-ordinating the GMC's four regulatory functions as they apply to the continued practice of established doctors not in training programmes (whether pre or post CCT) ensuring that they remain up to date and fit to practise.

The Continued Practice Board will liaise closely with the UK Revalidation Programme Board over the implementation of licensing and revalidation for doctors.

Proposed Council Membership

Dr Sam Everington
Archy Kirkwood
Dr Malcolm Lewis
Professor Rajan Madhok
Mrs Suzanne McCarthy
Mrs Ann Robinson
Professor Peter Rubin
Ms Anne Weyman (tbc)

Executive Leads

Neil Roberts
Ben Jones

Provisional Meeting Dates

Wednesday 15 April 2009
Wednesday 3 June 2009
Tuesday 27 October 2009

GMC / Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AMRC) Group

Purpose

The purpose of the GMC/AMRC Group is to promote a co-ordinated approach to the development of recertification, including its relationship with relicensing, which takes into account the different needs of specialties, and to facilitate communication and make recommendations to the GMC and the AMRC on the development of recertification.

Proposed Council Membership

The Chair of Council

Dr John Jenkins

Professor Terence Stephenson

Two lay members of Council yet to be determined

Executive Leads

Paul Buckley

Una Lane

Provisional Meeting Dates

Meetings will be held four to five times per year until revalidation is implemented successfully or until the Group is disbanded by decision of its members. Dates have not yet been finalised for 2009.