

Lancaster Medical School

We were pleased to receive this report and were gratified to receive acknowledgement of the work of the team and recognition of the number of outcomes that we have met.

Subsequent to the Team visit, a new Faculty Dean has been appointed – Prof Neil Johnson, currently Pro-Dean for Education at Warwick Medical School.

Response to requirements from GMC School Report as part of North West Regional Review 2013-2014

- The School must ensure that all students are aware of and able to follow the process for raising patient safety concerns when on clinical placements.

We were disappointed to receive this requirement as we thought we had clearly indicated to all students, both verbally and in paperwork, the importance of patient safety and their duty to report any instances when they had concerns. Clearly we have succeeded with year 2 – but will ensure that for all years of the programme this is re-emphasised.

All students now attend an annual safeguarding adults lecture (and additionally in year 3 a safeguarding children lecture) as well as completing the safeguarding section of the mandatory training on-line workbook. All training reiterates the procedure which must be followed for reporting patient safety concerns. In addition, all students receive a copy of the ‘Safeguarding’ leaflet which sets out clearly the procedure for reporting patient safety concerns.

- The School must develop an overarching quality management document which sets out a clear framework or plan for how it organises quality management and control including who is responsible for this.

As has been identified by the visiting team, we do have clear quality management processes which are integrated with those of Lancaster University. We will ensure that we produce an overarching framework to show how these are integrated and controlled before the next team visit.

- The School must ensure the contingency plans for the decoupling from Liverpool University medical school continue to be feasible. The Lancaster curriculum must be mapped to the new Liverpool curriculum to ensure no students are placed at a disadvantage for assessments. Were the decoupling process delayed or reversed, the Lancaster students would be required to take the Liverpool assessments in order to complete their studies.

The Lancaster curriculum is almost completely mapped – both against ‘Tomorrow’s Doctors’ and against the original Liverpool curriculum from which it was developed. As part of its new curriculum development, Liverpool will also be mapping its changes so that any areas of divergence can be clearly seen

From the information we have on the Liverpool plans for its new curriculum, (see attached table), the main potential divergence will be next year when we have Lancaster registered students taking our new curriculum and sitting Lancaster exams with potentially the Liverpool students also taking a new curriculum and new exams. This will be discussed at future decoupling meetings when the details of the Liverpool curriculum map are known.

Curriculum change map showing introduction of new Liverpool curriculum against introduction of Lancaster curriculum

NB any student currently jointly registered who has to rejoin a Lancaster year (because of repeating, or return after suspension of studies) has already been told that they will have to change registration

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
	Lancaster	Liverpool	Lancaster	Liverpool	Lancaster	Liverpool	Lancaster	Liverpool
Year 1	new Lancaster	old Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool
Year 2	old Liverpool but Lancaster setting exams, EB in Lancaster	old Liverpool	new Lancaster	old Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool
Year 3	old Liverpool with structural changes and workshop instead of CTM - joint exam setting, EB in Lancaster	old Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool
Year 4	old Liverpool, Liverpool exams and EB in Liverpool	old Liverpool	old Liverpool with minor changes and exams set either jointly or Lancaster; EB in Lancaster	old Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool	new Lancaster	new Liverpool
Year 5	old Liverpool with structural changes and addition of Leadership and Mgt week - EB in Lancaster	old Liverpool	old Liverpool with structural changes and addition of Leadership and Mgt week - EB in Lancaster	old Liverpool	old Liverpool with structural changes and addition of Leadership and Mgt week - EB in Lancaster	new Liverpool (minor changes only from old curriculum)	new Lancaster (NB Lancaster Erasmus for the first time as funding is linked to student numbers)	new Liverpool