

Faculty of Occupational Medicine – Report to POOSH June 2009

Council of Occupational Health

There has been a consensus that an independent chair should be sought for the Council, the membership of which is multidisciplinary; several names were put forward but it has not so far been possible to make an appointment. The Council is currently considering what the next step should be.

Standards for Occupational Health services

There have been two broadly based stakeholder meetings, and a considerable amount of small group work and email debate on the development of these standards, which will be applicable to all OH services – NHS and private sector. The draft standards are about to be sent out widely for consultation with a view to piloting them towards the end of 2009. They will shortly be on the FOM website and all are invited to comment.

Preliminary work is being done on the next step which will be to establish an accreditation system.

Forthcoming conferences

1 October 2009 – Manchester
Confidentiality and Consent

2 December 2009 – London
Risky Business?

Pandemic Flu

The Faculty has prepared guidance on pandemic flu. This is at: <http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/news/index.jsp?ref=270> and hard copies will be available at the meeting.

Guide to occupational medicine qualifications

FOM has been developing guidance on the meaning of occupational medicine qualifications. The purpose is to inform employers/customers for OH services and other interested parties. Currently the Faculty is consulting with SOM on this. The TUC representative on the FOM Board (Hugh Robertson) has developed the initial paper into a document for the TUC website to inform employees. The CBI rep on the Board (Peter Graham) is doing the same and developing a document for the CBI website.

GP Training

The Faculty is doing a considerable amount of work on health and work information and education for GPs. This includes a) working with RCGP and SOM on developing the concept of an internet 'one stop shop' for GPs on health and

work and b) developing the education modules, which FOM wrote last year with support from SOM and RCGP, into an e-learning format with support from the Department of Health.

NHS Health and Wellbeing – the Boorman Review

This review follows on from work initiated by the former President of the Faculty, Dr David Snashall, together with the Director-General of the NHS Workforce. The Faculty assembled an Expert Group which made a series of recommendations and whose work is being fed into the Boorman Review.

A summary of that Group's work, together with further information about the Review can be found at:

<http://www.facocmed.ac.uk/news/index.jsp?ref=273>

The Call for Evidence is open until 30th June – see the website:
www.nhshealthandwellbeing.org

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