

The Association of Consultants and Specialists in Restorative Dentistry

Minutes of Council Meeting held on
14th July 2008
Royal College of Surgeons of England

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* Apologies

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08/13 Apologies were received as indicated above.

08/14 The minutes of the meeting of 12th February 2008 were accepted.

08/15 Matters arising from minutes.

Role of consultant document (8/03) – there is a debate regarding the number of patients seen on the consultant clinics. In the document the minimum is quoted as 4 –which was to reflect highly complex multi-disciplinary cases and at that time this was considered appropriate. However changes in the interim have led the Council to consider that 4 patients did not reflect current consultant practice and could reflect poorly on the cost-effectiveness of the discipline. The document was updated to use the term “typically 8”.

ACTION – to update the website and to speak to Margaret Kellet to edit the document in current NHS terminology.

Special care dentistry – The Deanery at Liverpool had agreed that training in special care dentistry was to be funded separately from Restorative Dentistry. The committee fully supported separate funding of restorative dentistry to special care dentistry as both service different patient needs.

British Association of Restorative Societies (BARS) – it was agreed that this loose association of the restorative societies was to act as a conduit of information between the various societies and to provide where appropriate a unified restorative view that would otherwise not be provided by ACSRD. After some discussion it was confirmed that the intention was to complement its activities, particularly in matters related to clinical practice. The CDO had requested a meeting with Prof Brunton representing BARS regarding some matters and Council suggested that the Chair of ACSRD should also attend this to act in its political role.

Monospeciality consultants – there may be a strong political pressure to appoint monospeciality consultants to deliver focused care. The view was formed that restorative consultants are, however, the most appropriate trainers for restorative SpRs and any monospeciality consultant should only provide training within own competence and experience.

ACTION – Prof Youngson to write to RCS advisor and SDEB

Cleft Lip and Palate – the Chair of that association had agreed to include ACSRD in future questionnaires and improve communication

ACTION DB to email and reinforce communication between societies.

08/16 Website, database, membership

Website is running and has been generally well received.

08/17 AGM 2008

2008 13-14th The joint meeting with the SpRs in November meeting in Lancashire is well advanced. There are limited spaces. The venue will be at Rigby Hall Village, in Blackpool and based on maxillofacial prosthodontics and hypodontia. ACSRD to have the Thursday afternoon and a joint Friday all day meeting. The accommodation is restricted at Rigby Hall which is a family type facility and was designed for the SpRs to reduce cost. They had planned to share rooms. There is an attached hotel which has limited number of rooms (29 rooms). <http://www.rigbyhall.co.uk/>

2009 – preliminary arrangements made for Newcastle. The dates are Wednesday 14-Friday 16th October 2009. ACSRD to hold their meeting on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. Thursday perhaps future role of restorative consultants and monospecialists.

08/18 SAC

Report from SAC is on the web. The new curricula were being developed for Restorative Dentistry and, in the future, the monospecialities. CY noted that the ISFE should assess the curriculum and as the curriculum is finalised this should inform the Board of the ISFE. Ideally the two should be linked.

ACTION - DB to write to chair SAC to request that the ISFE and the curricula should be linked and have the same educational objectives. CY to write to chair ISFE.

08/19 Hon Treasurer's report

No treasurer's report

08/20 Election of Officers.

DB elected as next chair of ACSRD. CY to act as vice chair for 2 years and to be co-opted if necessary for a further year if elections are delayed. As DB demits office of secretary this position becomes vacant.

DB to email committee to seek expressions of interest for secretary.

Agreed that some commitment in attendance of committee members is ideal – BES have Prof Lumley, will act as vice for Endo society. the Council will seek clarification who is the perio society representative.

ACTION - DB to follow up.

08/21 Travel Fellowship

There are two applications for the travel fellowship. Potentially applicants would receive £750 from the ACSRD and £250 from the SpR. Agreed to support both applications (£500 each)

ACTION – DB to inform both applicants. AM and SpR treasurer to send monies to both applicants.

08/22 SpR report

Nothing to report

08/23 ACCEA 2009

Closing date for national awards is 19th December - much earlier than previous years. CY to write to ACCEA about their transparency and equity. The guidance from ACCEA is that the expectation is that consultants should be able to apply for a national award after 10 years as a consultant. Restorative Dentistry, as a body, is well behind the minimum 4 DPs to allow National awards to be sought. Different systems apply in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. However Consultants working in Wales are “graded” alongside Consultants in England.

CY – to write to ACCEA about these aspects

08/24 Any other business

Correspondence

Implant guidelines published by FGDP – agreed not to be placed on the website. Comment sought from committee membership on feedback.

Regional groups – Nick Grey had agreed to take over convenor of the “Northern” group for the next meetings. There are pockets around the country where regional meetings occur but not nationwide. Regional meetings worth revisiting – will raise at the AGM.

Joint appraisal – some Trusts are applying joint appraisal to clinical academics but not for Trust employees who teach. Some employers give joint, some separate and other a single appraiser for trust and university. It is clear that there is not a standard format across the country.

Pay threshold progression – any problems with this, the committee suggests members share their experiences and Council will assist where possible.

PBR tariffs are published. PbR New Tariffs – the DOH at

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/organisationpolicy/Financeandplanning/NHSFinancialReforms/DH

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D Bartlett 14th July 2008

Date of next meetings

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