

**MEETING ON THE PROMOTION OF SAFE AND EFFECTIVE CARE
DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULA GROUP
TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2007
1400 - 1630
D2 LECTURE THEATRE, CASTLE BUILDINGS, STORMONT**

PRESENT	DEPT
Prof Ian Blair	Dr Michael McBride (Chairman)
Dr Donald Burden	Ms Cathy Fodey
Prof Patricia McClure	Ms Anne O'Brien
Dr Kieran McGlade	Mrs Diane Taylor (Item 3)
Prof Jean Orr	Dr Paddy Woods

1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 4 DECEMBER 2006

3. MATTERS ARISING

• **SUMDE Arrangements**

Mrs Diane Taylor reported to members that there is to be £2m of SUMDE funding over the next 5 years. Additional funding has also been allocated for the upgrading of undergraduate facilities to Daisyhill and Craigavon. Members noted concerns that Trust management were asking for more students although the clinical staff did not have the necessary resources to train them. However, it was noted that around £30m of existing SUMDE is already allocated to Trusts each year. It is recognised that the old and new SUMDE systems will gradually merge in the future. Dr Burden noted that Dentistry requires new dental chairs and was informed that the Department would consider a business case for a rolling replacement of dental chairs. The Group passed on its thanks to Mrs Diane Taylor for her good work on the issue with the universities.

4. UPDATED DRAFT GUIDANCE

CMO informed members that there had been positive comment from the universities and RQIA. The Group thanked the Drafting Sub Group and those who commented for their work in creating the Guidance. There was a discussion around the issue of prior criminal convictions and also equality of opportunity and related health and safety risks. It was noted that this was not work for this Group. Members agreed that comments had been taken on board and the Guidance was ready for publication.

5. PUBLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION TABLE

The Group noted that the Guidance is an outline of best practice, should be strived toward and is a living document that will be reviewed and updated. The Guidance is to be formatted ready for publication. CMO will then take the Guidance to be presented to QUB and UU at their strategic meeting with the Department so implementation can begin.

ACTION POINT Guidance to be formatted ready for publication

**ACTION POINT CMO to present published Guidance to QUB and
UU at strategic meeting with Department**

6. EMBEDDING STUDENTS IN CLINICAL AND SOCIAL CARE TEAMS

The Group noted the letter from Prof Maurice Savage and emphasised the need for the embedding of students and all disciplines as part of the team.

7. FITNESS TO PRACTICE

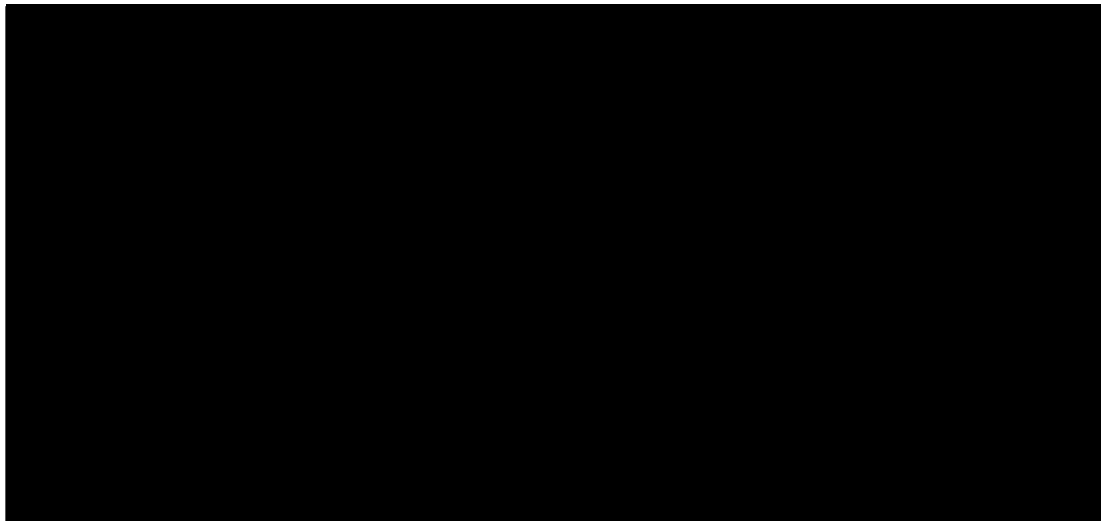
Dr Burden stated that the General Dental Council has noted that patterns of behaviour begin at undergraduate level and are taking an interest in the area. GDC are organising a meeting re fitness to practice and GMC are coming to NI to speak about undergraduate students. The GDC and GMC want separation of the investigation role from the judicial role in disciplinary procedure and also want public lay representation on the disciplinary panel. CMO commented that this was reflected in the White Paper.

8. PREVENTING HARM / PROMOTING SAFETY – DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTION

Dr Woods reported to the Group that a new Safety, Quality and Standards Directorate had been created in the Department, under CMO's command, with Dr Maura Briscoe as Director.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION



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