



It was suggested that a way of highlighting to members the various projects the Society is undertaking would be to have a stand at the Spring Conference where copies of the literature produced were on display. This was deemed a good idea.

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PC06/51 **UKMC Update**

(i) *Lay involvement in the Society*

Dr Morris outlined how other organisations involve lay members. Professor Crome has asked the Policy Committee to consider how the Society can do the same. There are two ways we can have involvement, either with an advocacy group who meet with key members of the Society or by having lay members on the committees.

It was decided that having members on the committee would be a good starting point and that we would pilot this with the Policy Committee. Dr Morris agreed to contact Elizabeth Ross at the RCP (London) to see how they recruit and to seek approval from UKMC at their January meeting.

JM

PC06/52 **Rehabilitation issues, Work with the English Council**

Dr Morris reported that last years rehabilitation beds survey was to be repeated with the addition of new questions and that it was being sent out in the New Year.

Baroness Greengross has kindly agreed to put a question to the House of Lords on this subject and as we will not have the data in time it was felt that a more general question would be appropriate such as seeking reassurance that there would be alternative ways in which patients would receive rehabilitation if the beds were to be closed. Dr Morris agreed to pass this back to the Baroness.

JM

It was also agreed that we should have our partnership organisations working with us on this and that it should be suggested to Professor Crome that he met with Gordon Lishman. Mr Mair agreed to ask Professor Crome.

AM

Dr Patterson reported that she has heard that with regards to unbundling it will be probable that the local PCT's will be expected to make their own arrangements with their trusts and as such the unbundling arrangements will vary across the country.

PC06/53 **BGS Business Plan**

Agenda

The business plan was reviewed with amendment made to the following objectives:

1. Compendium – This should be green and the list of papers that now need reviewing should be amended.
3. Ensuring National Policies align should be green

PC06/54 **Reports from National Councils**

(i) *England*

Dr Morris reported that England Council were working on payment by results, rehabilitation beds and were still engaged with the Department of Health.

(ii) *Northern Ireland* - No one was available from Northern Ireland

- (iii) *Scotland*  
Dr Chapman reported that they were working on specialty training numbers and a survey of workforce planning for consultants. They are also commenting on the draft rehabilitation framework and are engaged in work around long term care.

- (iv) *Wales* - No one was available from Wales.

PC06/55 **Clinical Governance**

Dr Belfield gave a presentation on the progress the RCP (London) has made especially on the Donaldson report. He tabled the paper he has written on this and it was felt that it would benefit from having web links inserted to illustrate BGS work and that it should include a reference to the NICE Guidelines.

Dr Belfield agreed to make these amendments and the paper would then be re-circulated.

**PB**

PC06/56 **CPEC**

- (i) *Report on Activities*  
Dr Belfield reported that CPEC has given its approval for an Advanced Directive and Advanced Statements Guideline which is being lead by Dr Simon Conroy. He has also created a business plan for developing guidelines which is available from the BGS web site.
- (ii) *Future relationship with CPEC and Academic and Research Committee*  
Dr Morris reported that she has met with Dr Ron MacWalter and Jonathan Potter about the closer working of the three committees and it has been agreed that there will be co-representation on Policy and CPEC.

PC06/57 **Consultation documents and correspondence received**

At present there are no consultations.

PC06/58 **BGS Compendium**

**Agenda**

- i) *Standards of Service Plan*  
It was decided that Drs Morris, Belfield and Beaumont would revise the paper to bring it inline with the National Service Framework for Older People.
- ii) *CPR Decisions (2.3)*  
The latest version has not been received from Dr Donald
- iii) *Interface between primary and secondary medical care in the new NHS: the care of frail older people by GP's and consultants.(4.12)*  
The committee suggested the following amendments 2.2 "fighting over" should be replaced with "contesting" and the last paragraph should have 2006 inserted after 5<sup>th</sup> June. The committee also wondered if a meeting had taken place on 16<sup>th</sup> October and if so what the outcome of the meeting was.
- Dr Morris agreed to contact the authors about these changes and with the help of Mr Mair to chase the RCGP for their approval of the document.
- iv) *The Older Person in the A&E Department (3.2)*  
It was decided that the paper which has originated from Dr Beaumont's presentation would be a suitable replacement for this paper and that the title should replace the A&E Department with Acute setting. Dr Ahmad kindly

**JM,PB, DB**

**JM & AM**

agreed to co-write this paper with Dr Beaumont

**DB&SA**

- (v) In order to tie our compendium to the National Service Framework it was felt that we should consider commissioning papers on the following subjects.

*Falls*

It was felt that there is a need for a general falls paper and as the vision and falls paper needs revising now would be a good time to ask the Falls and Bones SIG for their assistance.

*Continence Services*

Dr Adrian Wagg has kindly agreed to provide the presentation and discussion at our March meeting and to also write a continence paper.

*Stroke*

It was felt by the Committee that there is a wealth of information already available on Stroke and that it would be best to point readers to that information rather than commissioning our own paper. Immediate suggestions were the RCP (London) Guidelines, Scotland SIGN and the Stroke Standards in Scotland.

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- (vi) *Parkinson's Disease (6.1)*

The Parkinson's Disease Section has kindly revised the paper and the committee had a few comments which they would like to be incorporated. Should the PD section agree then the paper would be approved by this committee.

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**PC06/59 Any other business.**

- i) *Colin Currie*

Dr Jackie Morris has been approached by Colin Currie who has worked on the Kerr Report for Scotland. He would like to talk to us about the Kerr report which is about the future of the NHS in Scotland. It was felt that there would not be enough relevance for the members who are not from Scotland so it may not be appropriate.

- ii) *Clinical Effectiveness*

Professor Crome has passed to the committee a letter he has received from the RCP (London). They have been asked by Sir Liam Donaldson's office to provide them with exemplars of poor practice in the area of chronic disease management and elderly care. Suggestions given were dignity, malnutrition, stroke and delirium. Dr Morris agreed to draft the reply.

**JM**

- iii) *Spring Meeting 2007 - Brighton*

Dr Vassallo (meetings secretary) has asked for volunteers to be session chairs in Brighton. Dr Beaumont volunteered and Dr Patterson said she may be available. The office will notify Dr Vassallo accordingly.

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**PC06/60 Future meetings: (Please note earlier start time of 13.00)**

**Agenda**

Thursday 8 March 2007  
Thursday 10 May 2007  
Thursday 11 October 2007

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Signed by Dr Morris  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2007