

**BRITISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY
ENGLAND COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2009 at Marjory Warren House, 31 St John's Square,
London, EC1M 4DN

Present: Dr A Arora, Dr A Clegg, Dr B Jani, Dr R Kumar, Dr N Lo, Dr C Nicholl, Dr M Patel, Dr T Solanki, Dr Ian Starke and Professor J Young (Chair).

In attendance: Mrs S Allport, Mrs Iona Jane Harris and Mr Alex Mair

EC09/24 Welcome and Apologies

Action

Apologies were received from Dr C Blyth, Dr R Curless, Dr Adam Darowski, Dr D Dasgupta, Dr I Donald, Dr S Jones and Dr A Stanners.

Professor Young welcomed Dr Raj Kumar and Dr Binita Jani.

He also noted that this would be the last meeting of Drs Andrew Clegg, Deblina Dasgupta, Tarun Solanki, Carl Long and Amit Arora.

He hoped that Dr Arora would consider becoming the Society's PbR lead so that he can continue attending meetings on behalf of Council.

EC09/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2009

The minutes were approved.

EC09/26 Matters Arising

(a) *Clinical networks*

It was agreed that it would be better for members to try to become involved in commissioning through the PCT's and to try to gain seats on the Long-term Conditions, Mental Health, Acute and End of Life Care SHA Boards rather than creating clinical networks.

There are a number of Council members attending the upcoming commissioning workshop. They will report back to our next meeting for further discussion.

(b) *Widening the membership*

There seems to be a wide, but not universal, view around the regions that it might be beneficial to widen the membership at meetings to include other MDT members who are involved in elderly care.

(c)

NCD Update

No appointment was made despite excellent candidates. There were 9 applicants and 5 were interviewed. There will now be two posts – National Clinical Director for Older People and National Clinical Director for Dementia. The job descriptions are being rewritten, both posts will be for 2.5 days. It is hoped that the advertisement will go out soon.

(d)

DH Ageing Strategy

These documents are now available and copies will be added to the BGS web site.

EC09/27 Strengthening the regional BGS

(a) *Job descriptions*

The paper was circulated for final comments. It was agreed that this should be incorporated into a new officer pack and the draft pack would be sent to UKMC for their comments. Once approved it would be added to the web site and sent to new officers as part of an induction pack.

(b) *E-mail communication*

It was agreed that whilst it is the responsibility of the office to send out regular lists of members details the regions must also ensure that amendments are sent back. Deaneries can also provide a list of the trainees in your region. It was agreed that a section on e-mail should be included in the new officer pack.

(c) *Top 10 tips for educational meetings*

The suggested draft was tabled and some additions were made. This will also be included in the new officer pack.

EC09/28 Intermediate Care Audit Update

The results were presented at the Autumn meeting. Around 150 people attended the workshop.

For audit 1 34 PCT's and 116 IC services responded. 20% have no weekly MDT meeting, 40% have no clinical governance meeting and 35% have no information on acute transfers.

For audit 2 there were 386 patient forms returned. 36% are admitted direct from home, less than 50% are seen by a Geriatrician, 30% have no medical review and 20% have no MDT meeting. However, there is less than 5% mortality and 70% are discharged back to their own home.

There will be a full report for the next meeting. All present at the workshop were supportive of a national audit so Dr Forsyth and Professor Young are in discussions with DH regarding funding,

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A suggestion was raised at the workshop that we should have an intermediate care SIG. It was agreed however that this falls under the existing Primary and Continuing Care SIG.

EC09/29 Clinical Excellence Awards feedback

The BGS panel has assessed the applications for the current round. Professor Young as Chair of England Council has a seat. Professor Mulley expressed concern that there are very few Geriatricians applying and he is considering running a workshop next year.

Council felt that this was not that simple as most trusts will not support you for a national award unless you have 7 discretionary points and you also need to have a good balance of teaching and research. The area that our members need the most assistance on is gaining local points. Professor Young agreed to feed this back to the President.

JY

EC09/30 UKMC Minutes 10 September 2009

- (a) Dr Patel gave an excellent presentation on the future of NHS funding based on the Kings Fund data. The presentation will be made available on the BGS web site. Revalidation will be the discussion topics at the meeting in two weeks.

Trustees agreed the strategy for the Care Home work that the Society is undertaking (the report will be circulated after the meeting). Care homes and healthy ageing were identified as the key topics for future work.

- (b) Around 30 BGS leads have now been identified and their details are available on the BGS web site.

EC09/31 Consultations

- (a) The sheet detailing the ongoing consultation was circulated in advance.

EC09/32 Older Peoples Specialist Society Forum

Minutes of the September meeting had been circulated for information and they are meeting again in December.

EC09/33 England Council Business Plan

Council reviewed the business plan and agreed that there were no amendments

EC09/34 Any Other Business

- (a) *South West*
Dr Tarun Solanki wondered if any members had guidance on how long an acute inpatient assessment should take? Unfortunately it varies between hospitals and also depends on what support is available from other colleagues.

- (b) *South West*
Dr Tarun Solanki wondered if Council could help with his regional meetings. There are around 100 members in the South West but he had to cancel the last meeting and attendance at previous meetings has been poor despite plenty of notice and advertisements on the web site and in the newsletter. It was suggested that he consider inviting the President to the next meeting. It may also be that Dr Solanki stays on as regional representative as they need to have a meeting to appoint a successor.

- (c) *NW Thames*
Dr David Slovick raised his concerns about the new Continuing Care Assessment Forms. They are very long and appear to be taking around 20 minutes longer to complete than the old forms.

These forms are mandatory by law and should be completed by the MDT but invariably it is done by the Consultant. It was agreed that we should seek feedback from the regions and discuss this further at our next meeting.

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Additionally if the opportunity arises in discussions with DH we would mention in general the increasing length and number of forms that Geriatricians are now required to complete.

IJH

- (d) *Payment by results*
Dr Arora explained that he has been undertaking some analysis in the West Midlands and comparing the income received through PbR compared to before it was introduced. He needs to report these findings back to his Medical Director but then hopes to be able to present a briefing paper for the next meeting.

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(e) *Quality and productivity challenge*

Sir Bruce Keogh has contacted the Society. They are looking for examples of where quality has improved and costs reduced. It was agreed that the forms would be circulated for onward distribution. Please note that these need to be completed by 30 October.

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EC09/35 Dates of Future England Council Meetings

14.00 Wednesday 10 February 2010

14.00 Thursday 3 June 2010

14.00 Wednesday 20 October 2010

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Signed by Professor John Young
10th February 2010