

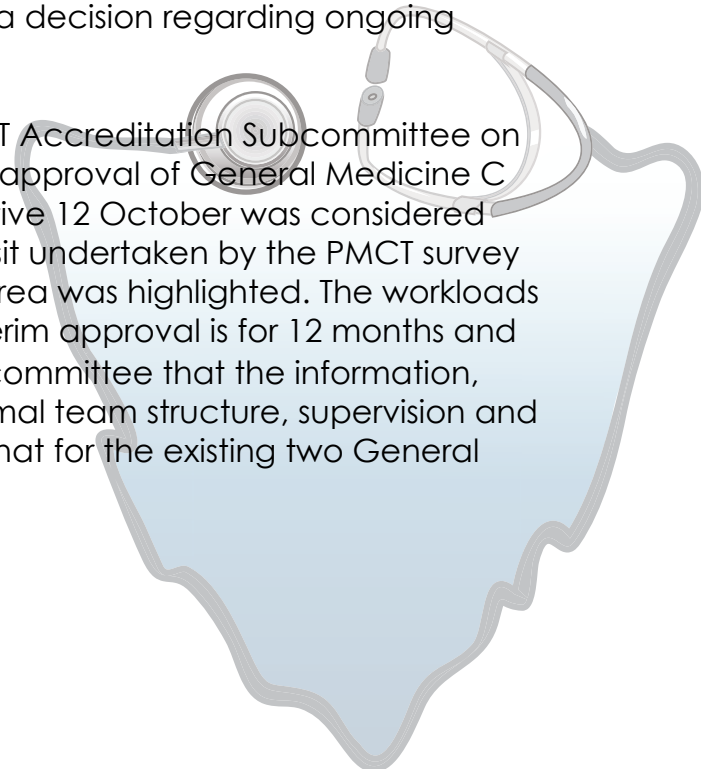
**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc
Board meeting, 2 December 2015**

Report – Chair of the Accreditation Subcommittee

1. At the meeting of the Accreditation Subcommittee on 12 August 2015, the request for accreditation of a Perinatal term for PGY2 and above and IMGs (non-core) at the Launceston General Hospital (LGH) was considered. The Subcommittee has approved the term for 12 months commencing 12 August 2015. The review for this term will be August 2016. LGH will be required to provide relevant information to the Subcommittee in support of ongoing accreditation.
2. At an out of sessions meeting of the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee on 28 August 2015, the request for removal of the accreditation of the Psychiatry term for Interns and IMGs at LGH was considered. This situation came about due to senior staffing issues in psychiatry at the LGH. The Subcommittee has withdrawn accreditation of the Psychiatry term for interns and IMGs effective 2 September 2015 at the LGH. A review of the term will only be undertaken at the request of the hospital.

The RMO term is probationary pending a written report in 3 months to outline measures that have been put in place to overcome the current problems. The Chair of the Accreditation Subcommittee has been in contact with Ms. Sonia Purse (CEO of LGH) in relation to the staffing and related issues and a further report has been requested to enable the Accreditation Subcommittee to make a decision regarding ongoing accreditation.

3. At an out of sessions meeting of the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee on 6 October 2015, the request for interim approval of General Medicine C term at LGH for the Intern cohort effective 12 October was considered and approved. At the recent Survey visit undertaken by the PMCT survey team the increase in workload of this area was highlighted. The workloads have subsequently increased. The interim approval is for 12 months and it was noted by the Accreditation Subcommittee that the information, provided by the LGH, was that the normal team structure, supervision and accountability would be the same as that for the existing two General Medical Units.



In all cases the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia has been informed and the PMCT website updated accordingly.

4. On 26th September 2015 there was a meeting in Launceston of those who had been survey team members in the 2015 full accreditation visits. The aims of the meeting were to consider the feedback received from both the survey team members and hospital facilities about the accreditation visits and to plan for future accreditation visits. Areas discussed included the documentation required from health facilities, the composition of the survey team, the timeline for documentation both prior to and following the visit and changes to the survey tool. These discussion points were taken to the meeting of the Accreditation Subcommittee on 11th November 2015.
5. At the meeting of the PMCT Accreditation Subcommittee on 11th November 2015 the changes to the Risk Policy and Risk Management Plan were considered. The changes were approved and the new documents are on the PMCT website. Also at this meeting the Level and Duration of Accreditation Policy was considered with particular reference to moving from a three year cycle to a four year cycle for full accreditation visits. The move to four year cycle brings the PMCT accreditation process in line with the AMC, as well as the majority of Australian accreditation authorities. This was also approved and a tentative timetable will be developed on how this will be enacted. All policy documents for the Accreditation Subcommittee have been updated and are due for review in 2019 (or earlier if deemed necessary by the Subcommittee).
6. On 11th November 2015, the Secretariat of the Accreditation Subcommittee received a letter from the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) stating that the reports re accreditation activities and financial probity (for the period March to September 2015) had been accepted by the Board and were being sent to the Tasmanian Board of the Medical Board of Australia for their information.

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