

UKKA Education & Training Committee meeting

Date & time: Tuesday 1st March 2022, 4 – 5 pm

Co- Chairs: Debu Banerjee (DB) & Marissa Dainton (MD)

Attendees: Bhavna Pandya (BP), Hannah Beckwith (HB), Beccy Suckling (BS), Julie Slevin (JS), Aroon Lal (AL), Saeed Ahmed (SA), Megan Griffith (MG), Cathy Pogson (CP)

Minutes: UKKA Secretariat

Apologies: Dena Pitrola (DP), Ailish Nimmo (AN), Caroline Booth (CB), Sunil Bhandari (SB)

	<p>Welcome and apologies Review of minutes and actions from last meeting on Tuesday 12th October 2021</p>	
	<p><u>SAC</u> MG updated on the new curriculum, which is due in August. SAC are meeting shortly and will plan comms/webinars, DB noted that webinar on new curriculum could be incorporated into 2022 UKKA webinar series – May/June possibly a good time for this.</p> <p>HB asked about the process for those moving onto new curriculum – MG expects for most this will be fairly smooth as high-level objectives will remain the same, if any extenuating circumstances then these would be dealt with on case-by-case basis.</p>	
	<p><u>Exam board</u> AL gave update – exam held during COVID and resits offered to those who couldn't attend for COVID-related reasons. First exam held on 23rd Feb this year, will expect results for end of March. Exam board meet next week, will look at next paper. Colleges have been asked to move to 9mo diet, 6mo was proposed but issues with this so 9mo a compromise. This means candidates will be able to resit within the same year if needed. Next exam date TBC but possibly will be November.</p> <p>Exam board membership – some members now nearing end of tenure, positions will be advertised by colleges but could also utilise UKKA advertising.</p> <p>HB queried whether the new exam cycle would affect the timing of the ANC, as candidates have found it useful to be able to attend the ANC before the exams. AL reported that the hope is to maintain the pattern of the ANC taking place before the exam, but this will need to be taken into consideration when scheduling both exams/ANC in future.</p>	
	<p><u>Interventional nephrology</u> SA gave update – postgraduate curriculum developed with Newcastle University, delayed due to COVID so now expected for 2023. Have applied to UK Kidney Week to run 3 course workshop for professional team, aimed at technicians/nurses on topics such as ultrasound/surveillance, etc.</p>	
	<p><u>SpR Club</u> HB updated on the SpR Club activities – next meeting at end of March, was intended to be f2f but made the call at the end of 2021 to switch to virtual given uncertainties around COVID. Will start planning soon for in-person meeting in September.</p> <p>HB explained plans for taster/experience days – 1 day Renal Crash Course planned for July in Bristol, and planning taster day for autumn. HB noted that AN would be taking over the role of SpR Club chair as of UK Kidney Week (June 2022).</p>	

	<p><u>ANC</u> SB gave apologies and sent in an update on the ANC – 2022 course in January moved to online as a result of COVID, recorded speakers and workshops for attendees. 5 live 1-hour Q&A sessions for speakers/delegates. Intention to run next course in September 2022.</p>	
	<p><u>RPG</u> CP gave update on work from Renal Pharmacy Group – currently in process of bringing educational resources together, interested to look at input from pharmacists into courses in development and also upcoming webinars.</p>	
	<p><u>Webinars</u> The 2022 webinar programme is still to be finalised. Some committees/SIGs have expressed interest in participating, e.g. BAPN, SKC.</p>	
	<p><u>Renal trainee management course</u> BS and DB circulated 2 papers on content for the proposed renal trainee management course – current management courses for those in final years of training are very general. UKKA is looking to create something more specific to renal medicine. Would like to get a first course out to gather feedback for development.</p> <p>The group agreed that the template looked comprehensive and discussed routes for approval. MG said approval would likely not be needed from SAC as training programme directors decide if courses fulfil requirements of curriculum, but MG will ask at next SAC meeting about whether would need to go to HEE. Endorsement and support for organising has been given by UKKA.</p> <p>The group discussed possible timings for the course – UKKW was suggested as this may be convenient for attendees to tack on to activities they will already be attending during that week, perhaps for the morning of the first day (Tuesday 7th). It was also suggested to make it part of the SpR Club autumn meeting in September – HB flagged sponsorship and ensuring content linked with this, and checking timings with trainees from other regions to</p>	
	<p><u>AOB</u> MD updated on ANN UK work into national curriculum for renal nurses – aiming to bring some standardisation to training. Resources have been developed and will shortly be in testing, intention to launch for UKKW.</p> <p>MD will be stepping down as co-chair from committee following this meeting. DB thanked MD for her work and input into the committee.</p>	
	<p><u>Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UKKA Sec to add meeting minutes to website • UKKA Sec/DB to develop 2022 webinar programme • UKKA Sec to liaise with MG re: SAC webinar for May/June • UKKA Sec to facilitate advertising of exam board role(s) • DB/BS to develop module/confirm speakers for renal management course, and decide on date for event • UKKA Sec to liaise with DB re: advertising for co-chair role 	
	<p>Date of next meeting: TBC</p>	