



THE ASSOCIATION OF ANAESTHETISTS
of Great Britain & Ireland

Council Advisory meeting

04/12/2009, 21 Portland Place

Presentation of eLearning

We were given a presentation and demonstration of the eLearning project which is a partnership between the NHS and the RCoA. It is rapidly expanding and has over 50 projects. When completed the entire Anaesthetic curriculum will be covered. Whilst being web based, it is not a website.

The principle underpinning its introduction comes from the difficulties faced when trying to teach trainees who work shifts and whose hours have decreased. It is available to all NHS Anaesthetists and to register you need your RCoA number and GMC number.

As other projects develop we will be able to link into other medical specialties and use any relevant information etc.

Environment

The Association is recruiting a company to look at the impact which Anaesthesia has on the environment, and this company will suggest ways in which Anaesthesia can become more environmentally friendly

SPAs

The threat to SPA s continues and the RCoA and AAGBI are about to release statements that a minimum of 1.5 SPAs should be offered in consultant contracts.

Triservice fellowship

It was approved that the AAGBI would financially support a Triservice fellowship for an Anaesthetic Trainee.

Specialty specific incident reporting

This system went live on Monday 31st November. It is there to allow departments who do not have an established system to feed into this one.

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Website

The website redesign is progressing well.

Equity in allocation of extra NHS work

There should be solidarity within departments to ensure there is fair distribution of extra paid work. It may be that some departments are better at ensuring this than others.

Anaphylaxis database

There has been a breach of security on the website but reassurance has been provided that this will not happen again.

Kings College Anaesthesia Society

This undergraduate society approached the AAGBI for financial support. It was felt that supporting the promotion of Anaesthesia at undergraduate level is essential but that we are unable to offer financial assistance.

The soon to be published 'Your Career in Anaesthesia' booklet will be distributed and offers of future speakers made.

Committee reports

Of note the SALG reported back:

Currently the place of residence of a consultant Anaesthetist is either 30 minutes or 10 miles. This may be over-ruled and it may just be that the 30 minute rule applies.

There have been multiple incidents of paediatric cannulae not being flushed after anaesthesia resulting in the residual anaesthetic being administered after discharge from recovery. This has resulted in serious untoward incidents.

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