



## The Institute of Maxillofacial Prosthetists & Technologists

### Council minutes from the Education Committee meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Zoom meeting.

9am Start of meeting

#### Agenda Items

##### 1. Minutes of previous meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Approved

##### 2. Matters arising from Education meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Chair asked if the MiT rep situation has been resolved. Unfortunately, the current rep has stood down and there is no interest from the other students in this role.

Going forward the students in all courses should be supported by the MiT rep.

Group member offered to help encourage and to support with report writing etc if any of the students want to be involved. Good experience and good for CV.

##### 3. Welcome

Chair welcomed new member to the group.

Noted: *Meetings of the Education Committee will focus on education matters other than the ongoing work around alternative entry to the MSc/STP which is now being dealt with by the SLWG. If you would like to contribute to this project please contact Karen Boyd.*

*This will enable other education work to be actioned during this transition period.*

##### 4. Lead Trainers Update

The Lead Trainer role has now been handed over to the education committee as the SW consortium have now stepped down.

No interest has been noted in taking this role on in other consortiums, hence Education Committee must try to provide cover/volunteers to support the STP and students.

Chair extends sincere thanks to SW Consortium for all the hard work and positive outcomes they have achieved.

Lead trainer emails will now be re-directed to the lead education officer.

Group member volunteered to take on the Lead Trainer role and will begin to form a team – division of tasks and roles.

Ultimately the Practice Educator role should be in place but in the meantime there are issues which must be addressed.

Group member also volunteered to be involved and support the Lead Trainer.

Key issues to be dealt with imminently;

- Handover of lead trainer email
- The Winter IACC exam board for current 3<sup>rd</sup> Year student (cannot be SW Consortium or Leicester, Moriston due to student posting) while this was discussed it needs to be confirmed with the NSHCS.
- Attending IACC exam board (email attached) to confirm the record results of the summer end point assessments.
- Filling the STP Pastoral Care position
- Review the handover document and consider starting the co-ordination for units undertaking interviews for the 2024 intake.
- Setting up/hosting of the next trainers meeting.

## 5. Committee Members Roles

Training Collaborative – Group member will attend and report on the HCS Education and Training Collaborative meetings.

Documents - The congress organising document which has been a huge amount of work to compile is now complete – thanks to group member for this. The document has been reviewed by the education committee and will be proposed at full council. The congress awards document which has been ongoing since before congress in Liverpool will be revised.

Website - documents on website and google drive for editing.

Research group – started collating published journal articles from Maxillofacial Prosthetists/Reconstructive Scientists. Also looking at research projects from Dental Technology, Maxillofacial/Craniofacial and Reconstructive Science. Meetings are to be scheduled with support from IMPT Chair and Education Committee Chair.

SLWG Alternative Entry Routes – update on the formation of a short life working group who are planning the support/learning mechanisms for alternative entry to the STP/MSc. It was noted that the vote is planned for March AGM, however this is causing a delay in planning to mitigate any issues that could arise. Discussed urgency of this – vote to be taken in January 2024.

## 6. Apprenticeships

Possibility of setting up a level 7 apprenticeship. End point assessment would be different, and approval would be needed from the apprenticeship standards. This would open the entry requirements to anyone with a level 6 qualification.

In Coventry (biomedical science) are currently piloting taking students in 2<sup>nd</sup> year and putting them on an apprenticeship in their final year to specialise in a specific subject. This could potentially work for us taking 2<sup>nd</sup> year DT students and focusing on final year in Max Fac.

Also planning to investigate MMU apprenticeships.

Discussion around PTP level 5/6 apprenticeships. Could use those with a reconstructive science component – training RS Practitioner. Thinking about service developments and looking at previously discussed training pathways.

## 7. CPD Update

Zoom issues have now been resolved so webinars will recommence. Attendance is increasing since changing the day/time to lunchtimes. Now sessions will be reduced to ½ hr to allow more people to attend. One per month at the moment.

Liaise with IMPT Website to create a CPD calendar for event planning.

Only half of attendees from Manchester congress have submitted feedback which means that they cannot receive certificates. The feedback is a vital part of the CPD quality assurance process so cannot be verifiable unless assured by the provider (IMPT).

## 8. Coaching Update

Coaching is available within trusts and many individuals have already gained experience and training in this regard. Request people to come forward to create a coaching collaborative to share the knowledge and skills involved.

## 9. AOB

Group members attended STP induction in Birmingham at the beginning of September. Feeling was that RS was a little understated by comparison with other larger groups.