

Meeting
08/05/15

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HEFCW/15/48

1 Issue

- 1.1 This paper provides the annual report 2014 of the UK Healthcare Education Advisory Committee (UKHEAC) as reported to the HEFCE Board, together with additional information about the context in Wales.

2 Corporate Planning Implications / Rationale for paper

- 2.1 HEFCW provides some funding support for medical, dental and other healthcare provision. UKHEAC has responsibility for advising the UK funding councils on healthcare education matters. HEFCW nominates members to the Committee and has officer observer representation to ensure a continued input to UK-wide perspectives on these areas including on work-force planning.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Council is invited to:
- i. note the annual report of UKHEAC for 2014;
 - ii. note the additional information on Wales.

4 Timing for decisions

- 4.1 There are no timing implications for this paper.

5 Council members' interests

- 5.1 Council member Professor Stephen Tomlinson is a member of UKHEAC.

6 Further information

- 6.1 Contact Dr Cliona O'Neill (Tel 029 2068 2283; E-mail: cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk)

7 UKHEAC

- 7.1 The annual report of the UKHEAC presented to HEFCE Board at its meeting in March 2015, is attached at **Annex A**. This includes information about the terms of reference and membership of the Committee and planned activity for 2015.
- 7.2 The Council is represented on UKHEAC by Professor Steve Tomlinson, and the HE sector in Wales is represented by Professor Paul Morgan (former Dean of Medicine, Cardiff University). The Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales is an observer.
- 7.3 The report largely covers the context in England. Some additional information related to the Wales is summarised below.
- 7.4 At the meeting of the Committee in Cardiff in June 2014, members received a presentation from Professor Ilora Finlay, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, President of the British Medical Association and Chair of the Welsh Medical and Dental Academic Advisory Board (WMDAAB) giving an overview of the current health education landscape in Wales. The presentation noted various issues and areas of importance including: priorities of the Chief Medical Officer, WMDAAB, the review of medical SIFT funding, concerns on dental student numbers, Welsh Clinical Academic Training, challenges of seven day services and the future of NHS Wales. There was also some discussion around the expenditure and investment for health education in Wales.
- 7.5 *Health Professional Education Investment Review*: This was commissioned in August 2014 and aimed to make recommendations to support the direction of travel for NHS Wales for at least 10-15 years. It included an analysis of the investment made in health education in Wales and the return; the 'managed model' for education commissioning adopted in Wales alongside approaches in other countries; the wider policy approach in respect of healthcare; and future approaches. Please see item HEFCW/15/CE3 for information on the outcomes.
- 7.6 *Expensive subject premium*: the Committee noted that HEFCW provides an expensive subject premium for full time undergraduate students studying courses in medicine and dentistry which was equivalent to the HEFCE high cost subjects funding.
- 7.7 *Institutions*: A new curriculum – C21 – was launched by Cardiff University in March 2014, comprising a completely new first year and final year; the course managed and delivered by a single School; and an emphasis on early clinical exposure and integrated Science throughout the course.
- 7.8 *GMC approval for Swansea to be able to award primary medical qualifications*: In February 2014, the General Medical Council agreed that Swansea University should be able to award primary medical qualifications to graduates from its Graduate Entry Programme.
- 7.9 *Move to 5 year integrated pharmacy curriculum*: As in England, there are processes in Wales to develop an integrated five year Pharmacy curriculum. This is likely to take place after 2016 (which is the planned date in England).
- 7.10 *Diamond review into the higher education fees and funding*: the Committee was informed about the Diamond Review of Higher Education Funding and Student Finance Arrangements in Wales.
- 7.11 *WMDAAB*. Welsh Medical and Dental Academic Advisory Board: the Board had been put into abeyance following a review of committees with Welsh Government, while health education investment was under review.

8 Financial implications

8.1 HEFCW contributes £900 a year towards the activities of UKHEAC. HEFCW provides some funding for medical, dental and other healthcare provision.

9 Communications implications

9.1 The report is published on the HEFCE website, which also includes the minutes of the Committee¹.

10 Diversity and Equal Opportunities implications

10.1 This paper has no direct implications for age, disability, marital/civil partnership, maternity/pregnancy, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, any other protected characteristic, Welsh Language or sustainability.

11 Risk Assessment

11.1 Details of any identified risks, current or future, arising from the issues covered by the paper are provided below:

Risk	Action to address risk
The Council lacks a capacity to engage with UK developments in medical, dental and other healthcare provision at UK level.	Engagement by HEFCW and Welsh sector in UKHEAC.

¹ <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/about/staff/committees/ukhealthcareeducationadvisorycommitteeminutes/>