

Vice-Principal Health's Report to Senate

1 Development of the Malta MB BS Programme and UK medical student numbers.

Following a detailed and positive engagement with the General Medical Council (GMC), the SMD is now aiming to accept the first students onto its new MB BS course based in Malta, commencing with a first intake in 2017. In line with the Malta MB BS business plan, the Faculty will now be starting to establish key academic posts in Malta and will also recruit to a new administrator post in order to finalise preparations for the new intake. We anticipate that, pending Queen Mary Senior Executive approval, these posts will be advertised in the coming weeks.

In tandem with this, we will be assessing the potential for QMUL of the SMD of the Secretary of State for Health's intention to increase the intake onto MB BS courses in England from 6000 to 7500 per annum from 2018-19, together with the possible impact on the Malta MB BS.

2 Outcome of recent league tables for the School of Medicine and Dentistry

The SMD was pleased to note that recent league tables have served to consolidate our position nationally: Complete University Guide 2017 – UK subject rankings (Medicine 7th, Dentistry 3rd); The Guardian University Guide 2017 – UK subject rankings (Medicine 2nd, Dentistry 3rd); Times and Sunday Times Good University guide 2017 (Medicine 3rd, Dentistry 4th). These outcomes complement the recent NSS results (Medicine 94% overall satisfaction, 1st in London, joint 6th in Russell Group): Dentistry 95% overall Satisfaction, 1st in London, top 5 in Russell Group).

3 Award of a Biomedical Research Centre (BRC)

QMUL and Barts Health NHS Trust were awarded £6.5million for a new National Institutes for Health Research (NIHR) BRC in cardiovascular disease. This was won against very keen national competition and will focus on the development of a new generation of therapies, bringing the latest medicines and devices to the patients of the United Kingdom at the fastest possible pace.

4 Cancer Research UK Centre renewal

Following a successful preliminary submission, SMD's Barts Cancer Institute was invited to submit full proposals for renewal of the Cancer Research UK Barts Centre (for £12.2M over 5 years). The centre aims to impact on cancer patients by: reducing the burden of disease through prevention, increasing chances of survival through early detection and diagnosis, and through discovery and development of more effective and innovative therapies.