

Vice-Principal Health's Report to Senate

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

The new MB BS course based in Malta is due to commence in September 2017. Work is now underway on ensuring that staff are in post to commence delivery on time. The GMC is due to visit in March 2017. SMD has a visit scheduled for January 2017 which will include Prof. Steve Thornton (VP Health), Prof. Anthony Warrens (Dean for Education), Prof. Rebecca Lingwood (VP Student Experience, Teaching & Learning), Laura Gibbs (Chief Operating Officer) and Prof. Val Wass (Chair of the GMC Assessment Advisory Board). The visit will act as a 'dry run' for the GMC visit later in the year. The Medical School building at Gozo General Hospital is due for completion in 2018 and in the interim high quality teaching and accommodation space is being secured in time for the first intake in Malta in September 2017.

2 New Medical School numbers update

Hefce wrote to all UK Medical Schools in October announcing an additional 1,500 MB BS places across England and invited expressions of interest from institutions. The SMD has responded to Hefce with a request for an increase in numbers. The School has created three new MB BS streams: part-time, medical leadership and patient centeredness and finally primary care medicine in order to increase our chances of securing additional student numbers, though it is thought likely that smaller and private schools may take the majority of additional numbers. The increase in numbers may in turn put pressure on clinical placements in Essex and SMD is due to discuss arrangements with Anglia Ruskin University. Hefce will release a consultation in January 2017 and a decision on allocation is expected thereafter.

3 Financial Year-end

SMD delivered to its year-end target contribution of £22.5m.

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 treatment 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.

5 Estates Update

The Faculty continues to grow in research and teaching creating demand for additional space. SMD will ensure that space is used as efficiently and effectively as possible. The space demands are particularly acute at the Charterhouse Square site. There are a number of projects that will increase available space:

- BSU Charterhouse Square: work is underway to increase capacity to ease current accommodation constraints in the Animal House facility.
- John Vane Science Centre. A preplanning application for Islington Council is under preparation to evaluate a major redevelopment programme aimed to increase space and upgrade the infrastructure.
- Whitechapel building: a joint development between SMD and Barts NHS Trust is in discussion.

6. Life Sciences Initiative (LSI)

We have engaged extensively with the LSI, which presents a major opportunity for interdisciplinary science and education. We continue to work closely with LSI and the Barts Health NHS Trust on the development of the Trust/ College Whitechapel Development.

7 Key Recruits over previous 3 months

- Aleksandra Lansky – Professor of Cardiovascular Device Research (starting Feb 2017)
- Andreas Baumbach – Professor of Cardiovascular Device Innovation (starting March 2017)

8 Athena Swan update

The School's Athena Swan self-assessment team met on 17/11/2016 and is working towards the renewal of the Silver award and submission of a Silver application from Dentistry. SMD has appointed an Athena Swan Co-ordinator, two days per week to provide support.