

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY – REPORT TO SENATE NOVEMBER 2017

1. Undergraduate and postgraduate recruitment

The November data indicates that SMD has continued to recruit above target in 2017/18. The MBBS and Clinical Dentistry Programmes have both recruited to the capped target, and we have been awarded an additional 23 medical places for 2018. On 23rd November 2017, the University submitted its bid for a proportion of the additional 1000 clinical medicine places to be allocated in 2019/20: the outcome of this application will be known in March. Building on the success of the first year of the Physician's Associates programme, which hosts 23 students, recruitment is under way for the second cohort to begin in January 2018.

Non-clinical programmes have also reported exceptional performance this year. Undergraduate programmes have shown an overall increase in new entrants of 11% against target for Home/EU students, and a 57% increase in international new entrants. Postgraduate Taught programmes have seen a 31% increase in newly enrolled entrants for Home/EU, and a 28% increase in international new entrants.

2. Research

Our application to the UKRI Innovation/Rutherford Fund Fellowships scheme at Health Data Research UK was successful. The SMD bid was led by Claude Chalala and Michael Barnes, and, following intense competition, SMD was awarded its funding request in full.

Chris Griffiths, Professor of Primary Care, has led a successful multi-institutional NIHR Public Health Research grant for a project "Investigating the impact of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone on children's respiratory health".

In October, SMD hosted the 2017 William Harvey Day, which illuminated the world-leading research taking place within the School. Keynote speakers included: Dr Louise Woods, Director of Science, Research and Evidence at the Department of Health; Professor Timothy Billiar, George Vance Foster Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh; and Nick Ross, Broadcaster and honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. A Church Service was delivered by the former Archbishop of Canterbury and present Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge, Right Reverend Rowan Williams.

November saw the launch symposium for the Centre for Inflammation and Therapeutic Innovation (CiTI). This highly successful event showcased the breadth of research in Inflammation related disorders, including presentations from newly-appointed Arthritis Research UK professorial chairs.

3. Athena Swan

The Athena Swan submission for Medicine was completed on 1st December 2017.

4. Staff Recruitment

Interviews to the Dean for Dentistry position are due to take place in December, with a strong field of candidates.

Following an internal recruitment process, Prof. Sandra Eldridge was appointed to the position of Associate Dean for Strategic Development. As a member of the VP's

Executive Team, Sandra will provide leadership and co-ordination to projects essential to the delivery of the SMD's 5-year Strategic Plan.

5. Staff and student performance

Professor Sir Nicholas Wright, Centre Lead for the Centre for Tumour Biology (BCI), was awarded an honorary degree from Imperial College in recognition of his outstanding contribution to medicine.

Following the publication of her book, *The Survival Guide for 1st Year Medics*, at the beginning of the academic year, Medical student Ravina Bhanot has been invited by Sir Bruce Keogh, NHS Medical Director to an event with a theme of 'Inspiring Leadership' in future doctors.