

Barts and the London Student Staff Liaison Committee 2020-2021



SSLC 5 Meeting Summary and Action Plan

DATE: 19.01.21 - 16.30-18.00

PLATFORM: Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Staff chair: Siobhan Cooke

Student co-chairs: Charalambos Hadjicharalambous & Toyosi Atoyebi

Staff: Nimesh Patel, Paula Funnell, Robert Sprott, Dan Burke, Nick Goulding, Tom Schindler, Rugina Monnan, Will Spiring, Graham Easton, Dason Evans, S Nicholson, Jurgen Groet, Brenda Manoharan, Maryam Syed

BLSA president: Mat Robathan

3rd Year Reps: Giulia Olayemi, Benedict Nowak, Gabriella Wilks, Sidhant Singh

4th Year Reps: Ania Woźniak, Alice Wang, Matthew Potter, Zibad Javed,

5th Year Reps: Haleema Nadir, Megan Annetts, Grace Catchpole, Mahima Bhatt

Intercalation Reps: Eva Phillips, Christos Papaioannou

PA reps: /

Gozo reps: Ehsan Gauher, Marie-Sophie Gomm, Catherine Santucci, Yassar Malik

Apologies: Elspeth Alstead, Benita Morrissey

Review of actions from previous meeting:

Clinical skills teaching in the trusts for year 4 students

- Graham Easton has been contacted regarding year 4 students not receiving clinical skills teaching at their trusts. The issue is on their radar.
- There has been a shift in emphasis from OSCE style teaching and courses to bedside clinical teaching.
- This will also be brought up at the associate deans meeting this week.
- A google form will be sent out by the 4th year reps to get feedback on the teaching of clinical skills and the concerns they have.

Agenda item	Summary of discussion	Action	Responsibility
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Staff chair items

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Student co-chair items

- Red zones and high risk students	- High risk students who were meant to only be in green zones are finding it difficult with the worsening situation as the majority of the hospital zones are now red. - All students should have been risk assessed and if they were deemed to be high risk they should not have been on the	- The University to send out a clear comms that safety is key and high risk students should not be attending placement.	-
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	<p>wards at all. Those who have been permitted to go on wards are not considered high risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The University is offering subsidised accommodation in Mile End for students on placement who are living with high risk individuals. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End of year exams update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a possibility of creating a separate Assessments meeting. - Written assessments will be online with invigilation. - OSCE for year 2, 4 and 5 will be going ahead as planned. There is a concern about non-healthcare worker staff who have not been vaccinated putting themselves at risk. - The number of people in the OSCE circuit has been limited as much as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email to be sent to 4th year to tell them that end of year exams are taking place online. - To be discussed further at a later date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nimesh Patel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCR COVID test reimbursement for international students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International students have asked whether they can be reimbursed for PCR Covid tests that have been done on their return to the UK. - The university has discussed this and came to the conclusion that it was not financially feasible unfortunately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -

- HCA work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are concerned about mandatory HCA shifts in place of placement. - Hospitals are desperate for support however HCA work must always be in addition to placement. - To do HCA work you need to be recruited through the trust after doing the online training and registering on the bank. - Students have been asked to do training modules pre-emptively for HCA work. 	- There is ongoing communication between the medical school and the trusts about this situation.	-
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Year 5 items

- Catch up logbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final years are worried that they may not complete all the necessary skills in their logbook before they finish. - Some students have had their placements cancelled completely and wonder when they will have time to catch up on lost placement time. 	-	-
- Year 5 placement	- Students starting this week have not been given a timetable.	-	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a lack of communication between the trust and the nurses and other healthcare workers - there have been instances where nurses have stopped students from doing examinations/practical skills. - Students have also been told that their logbooks will be signed whether or not the skill has been completed. - The logbook is essential - if the OSCE were to be cancelled the final year students would not be able to graduate as they wouldn't have evidence that they had completed the required competencies. 		
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Year 4 items

- Concerns about PPE on outfirms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students have not received appropriate PPE particularly on outfirms where there is not enough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An email to be sent directly to the trust to inform them of the situation. 	- Ania Wozniak
- Students feeling they are not learning from placements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are worried that they are not gaining the skills they need during placement. - Many doctors are too busy to teach and students have struggled to find doctors with availability. 	-	-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SSC4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some students would like to remove SSC4 and replace it with a formative reflective task. - Being able to critically review research is part of the outcomes for graduates. - This idea is also not possible as many have already started work on their SSC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
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Year 3 items

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion – Create ‘Placement Reps’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There should be a central contact point for feedback from each of the placements. - This was being developed by Helen Bintley previously, this can be looked into further when she returns from maternity leave. - There is currently a clinical representative at each trust who you can report any issues to which can be fed back to the medical school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whipps Cross problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are being put into HCA roles in place of their placement and are expected to work as extra helping hands for the nursing staff rather than attending teaching or shadowing doctors. - Students have been pulled away from shadowing doctors and told that HCA work takes priority. - They are stressed that as they are not receiving teaching they will fall behind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be discussed further when we hear back from Dr Alstead and Prof Warrens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are expected to do 12-12.5 hour shifts 2/3 times a week which are exhausting and not sustainable. - This has been taken up with Dr Alstead who has escalated it to Prof Warrens. 		
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Intercalated items

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Physicians associate items

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Staff updates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal to change the annual declaration & disclosure process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be left for the next meeting due to time shortage. 	-	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from placement and HCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof Nicholson has developed a survey which has been sent out to students on clinical placement. 	-	-

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Year 3 students will get the survey next week. It has also been sent to module leads. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library update (West Smithfield Library) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - West Smithfield is now open from 8-8 Monday to Saturday. This will be re-assessed on the 14th February. - Mile End library to be closed this weekend (23-24th January). - Plans for the Garrod building to be open from 8am until midnight soon. This will be added to the library booking system. 	-	-

Any other business

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robin Brook Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Self directed learning in the Robin Brook Centre should be up and running in mid February - year 5 will have priority. 	-	-
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