Events

NESC in Winchester held a Pancake Day Celebration on the 24 February and NESC in Oxford held a Valentine’s Day Special on Friday 13 February

Both events were enjoyed by many!

Dates for your Diary

Staff Briefings
11am on 6 March – Southern House, Winchester
2pm on 18 March – Rosemary Rue Building, Oxford

Red Nose Day!

Education Commissioning

- Welcome to Allan Jolly who joins us as Associate Director for non-medical education
- The final version of the Learning and Development Agreement has been sent to CEOs in all Trusts. To date, about 75% have been signed and returned
- A new data management system has been developed by the team and we are hoping the DH will adopt our system.

Quality, Practice Learning

- NESC now has corporate membership of CAIPE [Centre for the Advancement of InterProfessional Education]. The good practice within SC SHA has been included in a brief prepared by CAIPE and is being taken to Australia & New Zealand to promote their work.
- A recent event held for librarians on ‘exploiting e-journals in NHS South Central’ was over-subscribed and well received.

Wessex Deanery

- The Recruitment Team are currently advertising for Heads of School in Pathology, Anaesthetics, O&G, Emergency Medicine and Academic. The new Head of School for Radiology was appointed on 2 March.
- The PMETB visit to the Deanery will take place on 16-18 June and will include visits to Poole General Hospital, Hampshire Partnership Trust - Tatchbury Mount and Southampton University Hospital to review a range of specialties in training.
Oxford Deanery

- The final report from PMETB has arrived and the overall conclusion was that the Deanery met with the standards and requirements.
- The Oxford Foundation Programme will have a joint PMETB/GMC inspection in November 2009
- Specialty Recruitment is well under way in both Deaneries

School of Primary Care

- Stage 2 of the Recruitment Process was held at Oxford University Examination Halls on the 21 February for 400 national GP and 100 CMT applicants, and at Southampton University on the 21 February for 230 national GP and 41 CMT applicants. The GP Machine Markable Test is being piloted by the RCGP as an alternative to current short-listing processes
- £100m nationally has been made available by the DH to develop additional training capacity in under doctored areas

SHA News

- The SHA held an Away Day on 23 February to discuss ways of working as a result of the planned reorganisation. The consultation on the proposed reorganisation closed on 28 February and the results will be available shortly.

Corporate and Business Services

- The 2009-10 budget has now been approved by the SHA Executive Team and will go to the SHA Board for ratification. There is little funding available for initiatives and developments next year and monies will be tight
- The Spring 2009 edition of the NESC Education journal has now arrived and a copy should be in your pigeon hole. If you’d like any more copies please ask Vicky Beal or Lesley Loughridge
- The new NESC website structure and design has now been launched and has been positively received. Feedback and opinions are currently being collected
- Production of the NESC Courses and Conferences Guide 2009 is well underway

Innovation, Development and the Wider Workforce

- A scoping visit to Tanzania and Kenya was carried out from 5-15 February, with Lois Whittaker and Fleur Kitsell going from NESC. They were joined by Dr Ken Fleming, Susana Edjang and Mick Nielsen. A full report is now being prepared for further consideration.