To GP Deans/Directors and Postgraduate Medical Deans

9 May 2011

Dear Deans and Directors

Updating and Revision of the RCGP General Practice Curriculum

I am writing to inform you about changes to the GP Curriculum which will be introduced in August 2011, and about a full revision of the Curriculum which is planned for August 2012.

Full revision of the Curriculum for August 2012

The full revision of the Curriculum is being undertaken in response to feedback from a variety of sources, including trainers and trainees, and aims to clarify the curriculum and to make it easier for users to understand and navigate. This involves some significant reorganising of the existing material, and the addition of a user’s guide, but it must be emphasised that this does not involve significant changes to the learning outcomes of the Curriculum. I attach a description of the revision, setting out the background, aims and content of the revision.

In the next few weeks we will be setting up a new area of the RCGP Curriculum and Assessment website which will give further information about the revision. As the revision of each curriculum statement is completed they will be posted on the site to enable users to become familiar with the changes, ready for implementation in August 2012.

Updates for August 2011

There are some updates to the Curriculum which the Curriculum Development Group and Curriculum Guardians feel should be implemented as soon as possible, rather than waiting for the full revision in 2012.

Curriculum statement 7 Care of Acutely Ill People has been updated in response to requests to develop the content on emergency and out of hours care. Please find attached

- a track-change version of the statement, showing all the changes that have been made
- a change log, listing all the changes
- a learning outcomes change log, to enable users to quickly identify the key changes
- the final revised version of the statement
These documents are also available on the Curriculum and Assessment website (http://www.rcgp-curriculum.org.uk/curriculum_documents/changes_to_the_curriculum.aspx)

We are expecting that there will also be some updates to other statements for implementation in August 2011, but these are not available yet. The changes will be urgent updates to ensure that the curriculum remains accurate and up-to-date, but not major changes to learning outcomes. We will write to you again as soon as these changes are agreed.

We are very keen to communicate information about the changes to the Curriculum to everyone involved in training. Apart from the RCGP website information, we are also planning a BJGP article, but if you have any other suggestions for how we can best communicate the revision as it is taking place, we will be very grateful to hear from you.

If you have any queries or comments about the curriculum updates and revision, please contact Kate Tunnicliffe, Postgraduate Training and Curriculum Co-ordinator (ktunnicliffe@rcgp.org.uk)

Kind regards

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Attachments:
Detailed description of revision 2010-2013 April 2011
7_Acutely_ill_people_v1_2_jan11 - track change
7_Acutely_ill_people_v1_2_jan11 – final
RCGP_change_log_acutely_ill_people
RCGP_learning_outcomes_change_log_acutely_ill_people