

This newsletter covers student achievements and gives updates on events and publications.

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The medical school blog is a source of true information and is updated weekly

The address is

<http://bristolmedicalschoo.cfme.org.uk/>

and content can be uploaded by sending it to joe.mcallister@bristol.ac.uk or to David Cahill. There is also a Facebook page – at

<https://www.facebook.com/bristolmedicalschoo/news>

Local News:

Bristol is 10th best medical school in the country

The Complete University Guide (just published) for this year ranked the University overall as being **17th** in the country. The data are all on <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings>. The medical programme is ranked **10th**, up 7 places since the last publication, and indeed, Prof Cahill can remember about 10 years ago when we were 31st out of 32! This is a great endorsement of the work we are doing and continuing to do to improve the experience of our students and the quality of the course. Well done to all those teachers and administrative staff who run and support the programme.

Bristol 5th Year outperform nationally

There are some interesting data this year from the application process for Foundation year posts - called FPAS.

- 1) We are amongst the 50% of medical schools with no student on the reserve list or excluded from the foundation school because of a low score in the SJT
- 2) The average score of our students in the SJT was a bit above average (an improvement from last year)
- 3) A quarter of our students applied to the Severn School (an increase on last year)
- 4) 20% of our students applied for an academic foundation programme job (a big increase on last year - perhaps because we encouraged them). Of these, half were offered a place - ie 10% of the year group. The offer rate of 50% is the same as for Oxford.

This is the first time since FPAS came in that we have been in this situation – well done to all the 5th Years for this achievement.

MB21 is coming

For most of our undergraduates in the MB16 programme, the fact that there is a new programme coming next September for the new intake of students is of little consequence. However, there are a few things worth knowing about it.

The leads for the current programme (Professor Cahill, Dr Blythe and Dr Morgan) are determined to make sure that changes or innovations related to MB21 are transferred to the MB16 programme, as far as possible. This may mean that case based learning will be introduced into the clinical years prior to the introduction of MB21, if elements seem to be working particularly well. Year 5 is changing a little next year to reflect some of the innovations proposed for MB21: Term 1 remains the same, but Term 2 (January - March) will have a greater element of primary care and be more focussed on Preparing for Professional Practice. The Elective will still be in April - May as it is now in 2016-17.

Staff Achievements

Congratulations to Professor Karen Forbes, who as well as the multiple roles she holds in the medical programme is a consultant in palliative care medicine in the BRI. She and her team (pictured below) were winners at the BMJ Awards for best palliative care team of the year. This is a huge achievement, congratulations to the whole team.



And they weren't the only local winners – the A&E team at the BRI were the winner of the Prevention team of the year – working to prevent recurrent attendance of individuals at A&E.

Student Achievements

We have been teaching on the impact on healthcare provision to the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in our Year 2 3D unit for several years. This teaching has been adopted by other medical schools and in the postgraduate setting.

Hannah Condry (3D lead) and Anna Taylor (Year 5) recently wrote a paper evaluating their experiences and published this in Clinical Teacher.



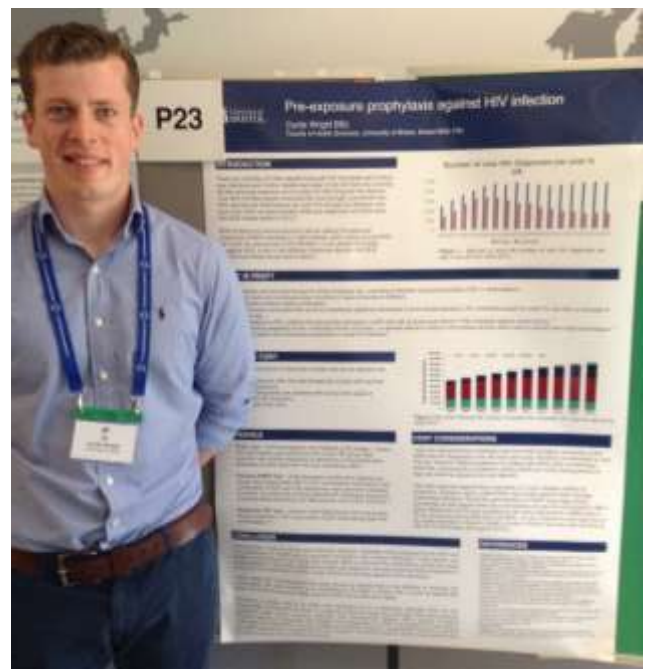
Implementation of teaching on LGBT health care

Anna K Taylor, Hannah Condry and David Cahill
Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Bristol, Avon, UK

Presenting at conferences and winning prizes!

On Friday May 5th, several of our students: Laura Medhurst, Curtis Wright and Callum Hunter attended and presented at the Annual South West Obstetrics and Gynaecology meeting, held this year in Plymouth. They presented on topics of Female Genital Mutilation, Cleft lip and palate, and Prophylaxis against HIV. As has happened every year now for the past 4 years, they came away with silverware. Congratulations to them all.

Curtis Wright also came away with the runner up prize for best poster (poster and Curtis pictured below). Congratulations to him!



Peer teaching by 4th Year students is really appreciated

Over a recent weekend a cohort of keen 4th Year students (despite their own imminent exams) put on a morning of peer led revision for 1st Year students. This was hugely appreciated and I'd like to thank the 4th Year students personally for this effort – very well done.

They would appreciate some feedback from the 1st Year students who attended, about what could be improved, what was good and so on – Yes, I know it's feedback – but they need this!!! Please leave some feedback about the session here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/NkXgMdfggLkSI3th2>

and the materials they used are all available at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OByjtpoSLm567NGJNdmlTU3c2bUE?usp=sharing>

Does the thought of taking responsibility for prescribing fill you with fear / anxiety?

A new e-learning programme “Prescribe” has been launched by Health Education England e-Learning for Healthcare and the British Pharmacological Society. It is intended to complement existing teaching initiatives and is made available free of charge to students registered with UK universities and NHS-affiliated organisations. Prescribe is based on the learning outcomes set out in Outcomes for Graduates (originally published in Tomorrow's Doctors 2009). These reflect earlier proposals made by the Safe Prescribing Working Group, convened by the Medical Schools Council in 2007, and are set out in detail within the British Pharmacological Society's curriculum for medical students.

Have a look here:

<http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/clinical-pharmacology-and-prescribing/>

Dates for the future to put in your diary.

Health Through Peace 2017

The **Health Through Peace Conference** is running between **4-6 September 2017**, at the University of York.

Medact and the IPPNW are bringing together health professionals, students and peace activists to debate, discuss and discover how to confront global insecurity as an international health community.

They're inviting researchers, speakers and organisations to present on a range of topics, from militarisation and violence to the refugee crisis and climate change.

Submit an abstract by 31 May for the chance to present your research.

Funding opportunities

At the Student Funding Office, the University's **Hardship Funds** are administered. If you are struggling with your finances and need support, contact them for a chat in confidence for information on how to apply for financial support. Here is their basic information, which they want to pass on to students:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/fees-funding/students/undergraduate-funding/awards/financial-assistance-fund.html/>

Are you looking for funding to present something at a conference?

Travel grants for conferences

Did you know you can apply for grants from the Alumni Foundation to cover travel costs for conferences?

Follow this link for all the information and to apply: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/alumni/students/apply-for-funding/>

Thank you for reading this. We hope your revision time for exams is fruitful and you all perform to your best ability.

Finally

Do you have something to share? Send it to susan.pettinger-moores@bristol.ac.uk