



Specialty Fellowship Examinations' Executive (SFEE) - Report for the AGM

Meeint held on 3rd June 2019 at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Meeting attended by the Deans of the 4 Royal Colleges, SFEE Secretariat and Dean-Elects.

Continued discussion around streamlining the ISFE exams to attempt to reduce administration load (e.g. combing specialties with large numbers of candidates with those with small – e.g Orthodontics and Oral Medicine). A number of previous action points had not been actioned due in part to loss of staff.

There has been difficulty in getting the ISFE Chairs' Working Group together to consider a pan-specialty Critical Appraisal (CA) paper. It is felt that this paper would be taken any time during the StR's training, leaving the clinical and the management of healthcare delivery to be taken at the end of training. This could also reduce the length of the exam and cost of examination expenses.

The report commissioned and provided by on the ISFE exam was presented to SFEE in December 2019. There have been considerable difficulties in getting the ISFE Chairs' together. A timeline for obtaining greater consistency between specialties was announced; the intention of launching revised exams in 2021.

With the GDC now looking at Specialty Training (and wanting to observe RCPSG, who organise the ISFEs), this should serve to concentrate the mind. (See also in JMDF report, the creation of ISFE admin team).

There is still a requirement to update examiner training for ISFE and run at least twice a year (and to open it up to trainers). Professor Escudier and Professor Fraser McDonald to link with RCPSG secretariat to obtain current information from previous providers, but to include how to calculate the minimally competent candidate, standard setting, use of rubrics for assessment of candidate knowledge and judgement).

The CA paper will become 3 hours, as will the Clinical and Healthcare Management papers. Ultimately moving towards a pan-specialty management paper. Examples of the new format would need to go on the website. Examiner training could be held twice a year with geographical spread.

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