



Faculty of Dental Surgery

Tri-collegiate Specialty Membership Examinations' Executive (TSMEE) - Report for the AGM

Tri-collegiate Speciality Membership Examinations offer examinations in the 3 specialities of Oral Surgery, Special Care Dentistry and Paediatric Dentistry. I have taken over the chairmanship of this Board from 2017 and have almost come to the end of my term as chair.

I am happy to report that the appointment of the single secretariat for all three examinations was determined by tender process arbitrated by The Royal College of Anaesthetists. The outcome was that The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh would be the appointed secretariat from January 2020. I am grateful for the help that the RCoA gave in the tender process.

The exam leads of all three Tri-collegiate Exams have been of great support in aligning the examinations to a more streamlined and common structure. This is a significant development which will help with delivery and logistics of running these exams. Most importantly are that these three exams are more robust in terms of examinations governance. I am very grateful for the contribution of all the exam teams led by Petrina Sweeney, Sarah McKaig and Maire Morton.

Our College continues to provide the administrative support for the Special Care Dentistry Examination over the transition period to the single secretariat. As mentioned Petrina Sweeney and the exam team in the college ensure this exam is delivered to our usual high standards with two diets per year.

This I suspect will be the last report in its present guise as by next year with the new secretariat in place this report will change in its format.

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The Bi-collegiate Speciality Membership Examinations in both Orthodontics and Restorative Dentistry are well supported by this College with our partner, the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Chairmanship of this Committee has been under the guidance of Jeremy Bagg our Vice Dean who has just completed his term of chair.

There have been a few structural changes to each examination to give an overall improved candidate experience making the exams more robust and defensible. We have increased our examiner presence on these Exam Boards in particular to facilitate the examiner pool for our new overseas sitting of the MOrth. As mentioned, in my main report we have delivered an overseas sitting of the MOrth examination in India for the first time.

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