

Education and Development Sub Group
Wednesday 27th June 2007

Present

John Hailstone	JH	Clinical Education Manager
Peter Hannell	PH	NW Rep
Pat Osliff	PO	Health & Safety/GMB Rep NW
Chris Dunsmore	CD	Fulham Rep
John Gough	JG	
Joanna McMahon		Resource and Planning Manager
Jessica Cruz-Esteves		Admin Manager (Minutes)

Apologies

Gary Ralph	GR	Practice Learning Manager East
Gary Edwards		
Ian Lee		

John Hailstone welcomed group.

Agenda Items

1. Modularisation of development : - JH
2. Resuscitation reassessment policy : - PH
3. Education and Development update : - JM

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes accepted and agreed.

Stadia Training – PH explained the differences between Show Medic staff and LAS staff. Has spoken and raised Stadia Training at Wembley was going to be difficult

Paramedic Course Format Residential – Candidates will retain their unsocial hours according to PH

A&E Support Workers – JH to arrange for Jason Challen to attend next meeting to discuss A&E Support

1.0 PO raised concerns over a letter stating that paramedic students were going on a 'car'. PO stated that candidates do not have to go onto a 'car' if they do not wish too.

ACTION – JH to discuss with Paul Johnson

2.0 JH explained that in the short term, local complex trainers will cover one day a week in complexes without trainers.

6.0 JH explained that the department is currently looking at a bridging course for the remaining EMT 1's.

The group discussed the duty of practice and responsibilities with the higher skilled staff staying in the back

Main Agenda

1.0 Modularisation of development: - JH

JH explained the structure of the modularisation group which has been set up and have met up once. Informed the group of the current modular programme.

PH stated that 12 hour working shifts are popular with staff and therefore difficult to argue against 12 hour training day. PH stressed that the course should incorporate lots of breaks and include a 1 hour lunch.

2.0 Resuscitation reassessment policy : - PH

The resuscitation module is mandatory for all paramedic staff (including training officers) and is pass/fail.

Concerns were raised that the resuscitation module was not fully discussed with staff side or the Education and Development sub group. The group appreciated the tight dead line. The main problem is the pass/fail element of the module especially in regard to EMT's.

JH explained that the department had asked Eric Roberts to nominate a member for the modular group to attend and that the Re assessment policy had been emailed to the Education and Development Sub Group members due to the tight dead line.

JG stated that an emergency meeting with staff side should have been organised to discuss the pass/fail element.

There were raised objections regarding EMT 3/4's being marginalised in relation to development, including assessment process

ACTION PH to attend the next modularisation meeting.

ACTION PH to write to Eric Roberts stating 2 staff side representatives should attend the meeting (1tech / 1 para)

3.0 Education & Development Update : - JM

JM gave the group a brief update on what has changed. The external A&E Support course w/c 16th July 07 has been cancelled due to issues with funding and a lack of time to recruit. The external course w/c 10th Sept may be used to back fill the EMT 1 bridging course.

ACTION PH to ask recruitment for details on A&E Support Recruitment

JG stated that the modular scheme was introduced amongst other things to reduce slippage and the figures demonstrate that slippage still continues and could be attributed to pass/fail.

AOB

PH raised concerns over the decision not to pay overtime for candidates attending paramedic pre entry assessment.

PH confirmed he is happy that uniform is still to be used during the paramedic pre entry assessment and paramedic course.

JH stated that if staff side identified issues which require urgent discussion, they need to contact the Department of Education and Development to request a meeting.

Meeting Closed

Next Meeting 25th July 2007, 10:00 start.