Welcome Ciaran Conway (Looking after Year 4, Lucy Jenkins is on mat. Leave)

I am thrilled to have been appointed the year 4 Primary Care lead for the 2017/18 academic year. It is certainly an exciting time to be involved at Bristol Medical School!

I graduated from Nottingham University and subsequently moved to London to complete my foundation training. I then took the opportunity to work in the biopharmaceutical industry and undertake a PGCE from the University of Edinburgh. Shortly after moving to Bath, to complete my GP Training, I published my first book, “Getting into GP Training”, and became a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. At every stage of my career I've sought out opportunities to be active in medical education. I have been involved with teaching different year groups in various capacities. I am also a practising GP in Bristol. I am looking forward to my new role and meeting you all. Contact details in the GP guidebooks for 2017-18 or from phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk.

Please welcome our new GP lead for the North Bristol Academy Nita Maha

I am very pleased to have been appointed as the North Bristol Academy GP Lead. I am a University of Bristol graduate and have undertaken all my postgraduate training in the South-west. During my year as an academic registrar with the Academic Unit of Primary Care, I completed my postgraduate certificate in medical education. Since then I have been actively involved with teaching different year groups in various capacities. I am also a practising GP in Bristol. I am looking forward to my new role and meeting you all. Contact details in the GP guidebooks for 2017-18 or from phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk.

Workshop dates for 2017-18

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These workshops will bring you up to date with MB16 and MB21 and address teaching competencies such as giving feedback, supervision, planning, assessment and more.

To book, please email phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk.

New Bristol Medical School

After a period of reorganisation our new Medical School started on 1st August. It consists of two large departments: Population Health Sciences (formerly the School of Social and Community Medicine) and Translational Health Sciences (formerly the School of Clinical Sciences). Primary Care sits within Population Health Sciences. The new Head of School is a GP, Prof. Sarah Purdy.

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High achievements of Bristol Medical Graduates and good news for GP

A report, recently published by the General Medical Council (GMC), on the progression of doctors in postgraduate training, provides clear evidence of the outstanding achievement of Bristol Medical School graduates. http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/25495.asp

Bristol graduates do well in postgraduate specialty exams across all royal colleges, having the 4th highest pass rate at 76.7% (after Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh). They do particularly well in MRCGP exams with a 95.1% pass rate (ranking 3rd after Oxford and Queen’s).

Additionally, there appears to be good news with regards to Bristol graduates choosing GP as a career. Figures spanning from 2002 to 2016 show that although many junior doctors have not yet decided on their career pathway, of those that have, 47.1% of Bristol graduates were either in GP specialty training or on the RCGP register.

Results of National Student Survey 2017 for the MB ChB Programme

Good news for Bristol

The results of this year’s National Student Survey have just been published. Because of a boycott of the survey advocated by the National Union of Students it was difficult getting our students to complete the survey, but thanks to your encouragement 56% of the final year students did complete the survey which means that the results can be published (a response rate of 50% is the threshold for publication).

The results for Medicine are the best Bristol has ever had.

Overall satisfaction for Medicine at Bristol was 95%. This compares with a UK medical school average of 87.5% and puts us 7th for overall satisfaction amongst all the medical schools in the UK.

For organisation and management we scored 78.5%, compared to the UK medical school average of 68.2%.

We have also seen a very large rise in satisfaction with assessment and feedback. For a long time this has been our Achilles heel, but in this year’s results our students’ satisfaction with assessment and feedback was 71.2%. The UK medical school average was 63.8%. I can remember when we only scored 20%.

I know that each one of you has worked hard over many years to achieve this improvement. The results are also a fitting tribute to David Cahill’s leadership of the MB ChB programme over the last 8 years.

Like stocks and shares our satisfaction may go down as well as up, but for now let’s enjoy our success before resuming our good work and aiming to make things even better for our students.

Andrew Blythe, Director for MB16 and Assessment