



PHEMTA Newsletter

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Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine Trainees' Association (PHEMTA)

Dear All,

I hope that you are enjoying your PHEM training and for those of you who have sat the Diploma last week that it has gone well.

The PHEM Trainees' Association was founded in late 2014 to represent current and recently completed PHEM trainees to IBTPHEM and external bodies. It has a small committee consisting of Chairman (me), Vice Chairman (James Chinery), and representatives to the three Committees of IBTPHEM - Assessments (Jon Birks), Curriculum (Damian Keene) and Training (Philip O'Donnell). PHEMTA puts forward a trainees' perspective at all levels of IBTPHEM, however it has been difficult to get an accurate picture of trainees' areas of concern or indeed where training is working well. We have not had regular contact with you all individually, and for this we apologise. Our plan is to change this to improve the functioning of PHEMTA, ensure it is representing you adequately, and to have an avenue for communications that are useful to all.

Some examples of the work of PHEMTA so far

- Proposing, organising and conducting bi-annual trainee survey. This is the main way the IBTPHEM Committees and, most importantly, the IBTPHEM Board understand what PHEM is like for you, the trainees.
- Raising concerns about workplace-based assessments leading to publication of a document from the Training Committee helping to guide trainees
- Giving trainee representation to the working group for logbook development
- Currently liaising with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh to address concerns about fees for membership and election following the FIMC

Monthly newsletter

This is the inaugural PHEMTA monthly newsletter. I hope it will come out in the last week or so of each month and will be an opportunity for us to share any updates with you such as reports from recent meetings, as well as being an avenue of communication between you all. If you have courses, training opportunities or just want to ask others a question, please send them to me (phemta@rcsed.net) and we will aim to include them. I hope that the newsletter will also provide an informal route of communication from TPDs and IBTPHEM regarding training opportunities and other updates. Clearly this is a project in development, so if you have ideas or would like to see changes, please let us know.

Annual General Meeting

The first PHEMTA Annual General Meeting is going to be held on Friday 4th March at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh's Regional Offices in Birmingham. The meeting is open to **all** current PHEM trainees, and those who have completed PHEM in the past two years. Plans for the meeting include:

- An overview of PHEMTA, its history, construct, terms of reference and future
- Results of the PHEMTA Survey from January 2016
- Summary reports from the PHEMTA Committee

If there are sufficient trainees attending, we aim to provide an educational element to the open part of the meeting, perhaps exploring some of the more contentious clinical issues in pre-hospital care along with looking at what opportunities exist for you after PHEM training. If you are interested in attending, please email me (phemta@rcsed.net) by 12th February.

Regional Representatives

When PHEMTA was formed, we proposed having informally elected Regional Representatives who could gather feedback and act as a point of contact for each region. In regions that have a PHEMTA Committee member, these Regional Representatives are *in addition* to avoid conflicts of interest. Although some regions provided a trainee, we did not use them effectively as we ourselves were trying to define our own roles and responsibilities. Now that we are established and working harder than ever at different levels, we feel that Regional Representatives could help us improve our communication with you and understand your needs. Therefore, we would once again like to form a network of Regional Representatives. Two regions have a trainee representative in place from our previous process and these are listed below – if your name is there, please confirm with me that you are happy to continue in this role. Please could you agree between yourselves and email me by 12th February with your chosen Regional Representative. It would be great if the person elected can attend the AGM.

Region Representative

- East of England *Vacant*
- North Central & East London *Vacant*
- North East *Vacant*
- South West **Greg Cranston**
- Thames Valley *Vacant*
- Wales *Vacant*
- West Midlands **Ali Husain**
- Yorkshire and the Humber *Vacant*

Upcoming Events

12th February

- PHEMTA Survey January 2016 closes
- Deadline for confirming attendance at PHEMTA AGM
- Deadline for confirming Regional Representatives

4th March

- PHEMTA AGM

16th March

- IBTPHEM meetings in London

We hope you have found this inaugural newsletter useful. Please let us know what you would like to see in the future.

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