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Improving Quality In Physiological Services



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Dear all,

Improving Quality in Physiological Services (IQIPS) governance

We are writing to inform you that the IQIPS scheme is evolving and there are some changes that are coming into effect regarding the structure and ownership of the programme.

The Royal College of Physicians has been hosting the programme since 2012 and fully supports the accreditation scheme and its benefits.

Significant progress has been made over the past five years and this development is the driving force behind the need for the evolution of the programme. The RCP continues to support the scheme and strongly believes in the benefits that can be delivered. In order to ensure the scheme continues to thrive and grow, the RCP has decided to hand over the management of the programme to UKAS.

This means that with effect of 1 April 2017, the RCP will not be taking on any new services and will refer services to UKAS directly. All registered services will continue to have access to the Self Assessment and Improvement Tool until June 2017, if they wish. UKAS will contact existing registered services shortly to ensure that they continue to receive support through the early stages of implementing the IQIPS standard and applying for accreditation.

The scheme will continue to operate as usual and registered services will continue to work towards the IQIPS accreditation standard with UKAS directly. All other requirements for accreditation will remain the same.

Please contact Madeline Corrigan, IQIPS Programme Manager at askigips@rcplondon.ac.uk, if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. Attached for information is a letter from the IQIPS clinical lead, Kerry Tinkler.

Yours faithfully,

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