

Supervisor Update

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National GP Supervisors Association

GPET met with executive members of the NGPSA on 18 September to discuss key issues impacting on AGPT program supervisors. In addition to the Supervisors Forum action statements and the Training Practice Costs Study (see below), the meeting discussed educational resources for training practices, changes to the RTP structure, and Government reforms to the training pathway and rotation arrangements. The next NGPSA meeting will be held in December.

GPSLON Workshop/Update on Supervisors Forum

Members of the General Practitioner Supervisor Liaison Officer Network (GPSLON) met with GPET on 1 September, in Adelaide. Issues raised and discussed included: RTP mergers; the changing focus of RTPs to corporate rather than education issues; the increasing number of remedial registrars and the difficulties associated with their training; the implementation of the RA classifications in 2010; succession planning for GPSLO positions; the need for dedicated rooms for registrars; and training and development for SLOs.

GPET also reported on the outcomes of the Supervisors Forum held on 24 July 2009. The action statements which were developed as a result of the Forum were tested with the GPSLON and a report on those statements was prepared. The report was tabled for the September GPET Board meeting but was held over and will be discussed at the October Board meeting.

GPSLON – The Way Forward

GPET is currently investigating opportunities to better support the professional development and governance of the GPSLON. As part of this process, GPET is looking at ways to: increase evidence-based in-practice teaching; increase the collaboration between RTPs; establish quality indicators for monitoring success of the AGPT program; and increase supervisor engagement, retention and sustainability. The process will involve the development of a long-term plan, in consultation with the GPSLON, to better ensure its success.

Training Practice Costs Study

The Training Practice Costs Study draft report was discussed at the Supervisors Forum, in July. Issues were raised regarding the sample size of the survey, and the scope and coverage of the analysis. Key findings of the study will be reported to survey participants shortly and will be considered, with the Supervisor Forum action statement report, by the GPET Board this month.

New GPET Board Appointments

Three new directors have been appointed to the GPET Board. Click [here](#) for details.

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