



Briefing from Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2019

The meeting was chaired by Dr Steve Boorman CBE and the following items discussed:

National Work and Health Strategic agenda

It was reported that there were currently two consultations – Health is Everyone’s Business and Advancing our Health Prevention in the 2020s. All Council members were urged to respond to the consultations.

Workplace health interventions and HMRC position

Council were reminded that this issue had been raised at the previous meeting. Lobbying was taking place across various organisations and the Chair would be writing to the Treasury raising the Council’s concerns.

CMO and DCMO appointments

It was noted that Professor Chris Whitty had been appointed as CMO, and Dr Jennie Harries as DCMO. The Chair would contact both when they took up their appointments to arrange a meeting.

Business Plan

A request had been received that the following change be made to the business plan: ‘To provide employers and employees with tools to promote and protect health at work.’ This change was agreed and the business plan would be updated accordingly.

Health and Wellbeing @ Work Conference (Birmingham 10-11 March 2020)

Council members were encouraged to contact the event organiser if they had topics they wished to be included in the conference programme.

Website

The deputy chair gave a presentation showing the website traffic figures for the past year. He added that the Council's website was signposting visitors to Council members' websites. Approximately one blog a month was being uploaded to the site. Members were encouraged to submit a blog.

Formation of subgroups

The Chair informed the Council that two subgroups had been set up as follows:

- Governance subgroup
- Marketing and Communications subgroup

Further information will be brought to the next Council meeting.

Mental Health in the Workplace

It was suggested that a virtual subgroup be established to consider mental health in the workplace. The remit being to consider how to best advise employers and those commissioning services and mitigating risks associated.

Formation of the group will now take place and further details given at the next Council meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 13 February 2020.