

Attendees

Robert Barry	CMU
Chloe Biginell	Cardiff University
Natalie Cox	WEDS
Philani Dube	Bradford University
Sophie Evans	ABMU
Claire Harris	NWSSP Employment Services
Daniel Hodds	MMU
Esther Holloway	ABUHB
Gemma Kingman	UoSW
Sarah Knowles	UoSW
LisaMarie Langton	Cardiff University
Rachel Long	NWSSP Employment Services
Gerard McGinty	Bradford University
David McNabb	CMU
Charley Meates	Bangor University
Mellisa Oates	Cardiff University
Ffion Owen	Glyndwr University
Natalie Pitman	CMU
Sian Poole	University of South Wales
Hayley Proctor	Cardiff University
Maisy Provan	Cardiff University
Nicole Wallace	MMU
Heather Wood	Cardiff and Vale UHB

Apologies

Becky Barclay
Sacha Bhuchar
Elizabeth Clement
Pauline Findlay
Jenny Lavington
Thea Marshall
Debbie Mills
Tania O'Leary
Aishaa Umarji
Paula Williams

Minutes from April 2016 meeting

Nothing to report.

Positive experience

Students shared a positive experience

- Two students have received job offers.
- A placement was experienced in Sri Lanka.
- Great placement experiences.
- Dissertations finished.
- Great feedback on university projects.

Student presentations

Natalie Pitman - Podiatry

- How it prevents, treats and rehabilitates all lower limbs. Not just feet!
- Podiatry covers some of these areas: biomechanics, diabetes, rheumatology, dermatology, paediatrics, sport medicine etc.
- Once you have finished the degree, can go the route of doing your masters and then becoming a podiatry surgeon after 7-8 years of training.
- Podiatry comes from the ancient Greek words Podus (foot) and Iatros (physician).
- SOCAP are the leading professional body and trade unions for chiropodists and podiatrists. Student membership is free.
- MSK podiatry – The diagnosing and treating problems with lower limbs due to biomechanical forces.
- Why she chose this profession – Wanted something clinical and liked the idea of being an autonomous practitioner.
- At CMU, 1000 hours of hands on experience with patients will be completed.
- A day in the life of a podiatrist.
- Can specialise in MSK, diabetes, podopaediatrics etc.
- More information can be found on:

<http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/health/courses/Pages/Podiatry-BSc->

(Hons).aspx and

<http://www.scpod.org/>

Gemma King - Paediatric Nursing

- Her route in to her course. She performed volunteering work etc.
- Has a certificate in Higher Education in Healthcare.
- Scholarship 2nd year nursing.
- Her training is 50/50. So its 6 weeks of placement and 6 weeks of essays.
- How going forwards she would like to work in the community
- Hayley Proctor and Sophie Evans volunteered to present at the next meeting.

Welsh Taster Session

Sian Poole a Lecturer from the University of South Wales came to present a taste of the Welsh language. She explained:

- The use of this language in the medical profession can put welsh speaking patients at ease. Especially the elderly and the young.
- The 'More Than Just Words' campaign encourages learning Welsh at all languages. Further information can be found on their Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/mwynageiriau/>
- A couple of case studies that can be found in the presentation emailed to everyone.
- There are a number of courses available ranging from generic welsh language to short (16 hours) to main stream (60 + hours).
- Greeting phrases such as "Bore Da – Good Morning" and "Hwyl Fawr – Good Bye".
- Further phrases can be found in the presentation sent to everyone via email.

NWSSP Student Streamlining Project

Claire Harris and Rachel Long – Employment Services (NWSSP)

A discussion was held in regards to the proposed recruitment process initially

trailing Nurses and then hopefully for other professions if successful. They have spoken to Universities and Healthcare representatives.

Topics raised were:

- Nurses being in high demand.
- Competition in Cohorts.
- Different Recruitment processes currently in place such as using Linked in and NHS track.
- Jobs being offered after placement.
- Limited jobs in desirable areas.
- Not enough positions available at certain places.
- Bank work.
- Competing with already qualified professionals as well as recent graduates.

A leaflet was then handed out proposing the four steps the new recruitment process will undertake.

- Step 1 – Recently qualified will be able to submit their application's through Link. At this point there will be help and guidance information.
- Step 2 – Students will apply for vacancies. Questions can be answered based on preferred location and speciality.
- Step 3 – Places will be allocated based on preferences provided. Conditional offer letter will be sent out.
- Step 4 – Pre – Employment checks will be carried out.

A further discussion was held in regards to this – Both pros and cons.

Claire Harris can be contacted on Claire.harris4@wales.nhs.uk For further information.

Committee communication

Not many responses from the questionnaire were received. Please take time to fill these out.

Invited to attend an educational workshop – Further update will be provided in May in regards to this.

Conference

- Will take place 1st November 2017 at the Christchurch conference venue in Newport.
- Agenda TBC.
- Looking for 5 people to do a five minute conference talk on their profession.
- Please take posters to promote and make students aware of the conference.

Your Say

- Natalie will contact deans in regards to hours recorded at the meeting being classed towards placement hours.
- We confirmed that a charity walk up one of the peaks in South Wales will be done on Saturday 12th August 2017.
- Cake sale for the 'Tenovus' charity the week commencing 24th April. The money will be given to the charity at the conference.
- Natalie to query issues with placements.
- 3rd year students being counted towards staff hours.
- Placements being cancelled. To email Natalie if concerns about this.
- Please see the email about volunteering to help with giving feedback for the new Website.
- Return nomination forms to Natalie.
- Take conference posters.

Improvements and positive feedback

- Awareness of other specialities as recent meetings have been Nurse orientated.
- Role of course representatives.
- Awareness of the forum.
- The possibility of an Alumni forum for former members. An avenue to keep in contact and to network.
- Positive feedback
- Collection of quotes from Student members:
- Positive atmosphere.
- Friendly, able to talk to students from different professions.

- Networking opportunities.
- Giving feedback.
- Makes a difference.
- Interesting external speakers.