

Trauma Committee Report July 2017

Meetings Attended:

NIHR RCS Trauma Prioritisation Workshop 23 May 2017

Cross-speciality meeting to prioritise research agenda at RCS. Despite being outnumbered, paediatric trauma projects received a significant number of votes (see attachment page 9).

RCPCH invited speakers on management of “The Injured Child” 25-26 May, Birmingham

Child Brain Injury Trust Reception, Westminster, 13 July

Future Plans:

Children’s MTC 5+11 National Trauma Meeting on 22 September. (10am to 4pm), hosted by RLH paediatric trauma service

It would be useful to publicise this event and hold a BAPS Trauma Committee meeting on this day. (4-5pm)

Darzi 9 Fellowship 2017-18, in paediatric trauma at RLH, has been awarded and will be advertised on NHS Jobs soon (delayed by Cyberattack). The fellowship includes, project time looking at how to improve Trauma Network, Emergency and Elective Trauma surgery and paediatric surgery.

Work completed by Darzi 8 Fellow will be presented at BAPS 2017

BAPS Winter Meeting with RCPR will include Trauma presentation

Discussion Point for Council Meeting

A recurrent theme and rate limiting step in improving the care of the injured child is the complexity and large number of organisations involved without a single agency having ownership from prevention to rehabilitation, as well as, the lack of useful outcome measures.

There is an opportunity to improve the care, outcome and survival for injured children in the UK. Trauma is the leading cause of death of our patients but paediatric surgeons and BAPS have not historically seen injury and traumatic death as a priority.

Please could BAPS Council discuss improving care and outcomes of “The Injured Child” as a future BAPS strategy?

An obvious starting point would be an economic analysis of the cost of injured children. An economic analysis would demonstrate the economic benefits of prevention, high quality care and rehabilitation.