

**PROGRAMME**

Medical Schools Council Admissions deans meeting

ACU Conference Room, Woburn House, London, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008



9.30	Registration and COFFEE
10.00	<b>Chairman's welcome</b> <i>Professor Tony Weetman, Dean of the School of Medicine, Sheffield</i> <b>Introduction to the themes of the meeting</b> (1) Health and disability among medical students (2) How best to use our selection tools <i>Dr Jane Adam, Associate Dean for Admissions, Hull York Medical School</i>
10.10	<b>Occupational health assessment of medical applicants:</b> common principles, acceptable processes.  <i>Dr Susan Robson, Director, University of Manchester Health and Safety Services, Formerly Chairman of the Occupational Health Committee, BMA</i>
10.40	<b>Advising medical schools: encouraging disabled students</b> Outcome of the GMC project Gateways to the Professions  <i>Professor Janet Grant, Director, Open University Centre for Education in Medicine</i>
11.00	<b>Discussion</b> How can we do better?
11.20	COFFEE
11.40	<b>Changes to UK academic qualifications, from GCSEs to subject-based Diplomas</b>  <i>Delyth Chambers, Advisor to the Department of Children, Schools and Families.</i>
12.20	<b>What can A levels and aptitude tests tell us?</b>  <i>Professor Chris McManus, Professor of Psychology &amp; Medical Education, University College London</i>
12.40	<b>Discussion</b> ...and will the new qualifications be any different?
1.00	LUNCH

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2.00	<b>Uses and abuses of the UCAS application: the personal statement.</b> What can it tell us and how does this relate to predictors of later failure?  <i>Professor David James, Director of Medical Education, Nottingham</i>
2.20	<b>How UCAS can help – plagiarism detection and other innovations</b>  <i>Anthony McClaran, Chief Executive, UCAS</i>
2.40	<b>Discussion</b> ...and are there any good data on the incidence of plagiarism, lying and fraud?
3.00	<b>Principles of selecting medical students</b>  <i>Professor David Powis, School of Psychology, University of Newcastle NSW</i>
3.30	<b>How to find out what becomes of medical students</b> Challenges of the Australian Medical Schools outcome database and longitudinal tracking project  <i>Dr Pippa Craig, Senior Research Associate, Australia and New Zealand Medical Deans Group</i>
3.50	<b>Discussion</b> ... and suggestions for future meetings
4.20	TEA and close