

**Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, interim Anatomy Department
Inspection Report: 5th Floor 26 York Street, 30th June 2017**

In attendance:

Prof. D. Ceri Davies – Inspector of Anatomy

Ms Chloe Ryder – Medical Council

Prof. T. Clive Lee – License Holder

SECTION 1 – ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY

1. LICENSING, AUTHORITY, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The lead individual (Professor T. Clive Lee) holding the licence for Anatomical Examination at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) has not changed since the 2016 inspection and the required annual returns have been made to the Medical Council

2. GOVERNANCE AND QUALITY SYSTEMS

We met with Professor Lee, Siobhan Murphy (Operations Manager, Department of Simulation) and Pdraig Kelly (Associate Director, Surgical Affairs Operations and Planning) to inspect the new Simulation Suite on the 5th Floor of 26 York Street for its suitability to house embalmed anatomical specimens for:

1. MRCS part B examinations,
2. Short postgraduate Course Teaching
3. Temporal bone dissection / drilling

Professor Lee will retain overall responsibility for Anatomical Examination at RCSI. A named person responsible for cadaveric material to be held at 26 York Street must be identified, communicated to the Medical Council and thereafter named on the annual return to the Medical Council. The named person must be present when cadaveric material is being used at 26 York Street and will be responsible to the License Holder at RCSI; clear lines of communication must be established between both parties. The named person must abide by the Medical Council's Code of Practice for Anatomical Examination

Similar Health and Safety procedures to those at in force at 123 St Stephen's Green must be put in place at 26 York Street and the same Standard Operating Procedures relating to Anatomical Examination must be in place at both sites. Only embalmed cadaveric material will be held at 26 York Street. Approved protocols / Standard Operating Procedures must be put in place for transferring cadaveric material between sites, to ensure discretion and avoid accidental exposure to the public when crossing York Street.

SECTION 2 – RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

1. CONSENT

RCSI uses the model consent form published as an appendix to the Code of Practice for Anatomical Examination. This consent form meets all of the recommendations within the Code of Practice. The information booklet for potential donors and their families gives appropriate information for the consent to be fully informed. All cadaveric material to be used at 26 York Street will be sourced through the RCSI donor programme, transferred from 123 St Stephen's Green for short periods (normally not more than two days and one night) and returned to 123 St Stephen's Green for further use or disposal.

2. PREMISES, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The premises, facilities and equipment were inspected from the entrance point of the cadaveric material into the building, to the 5th floor Simulation Suite. Security at the entrance is maintained by restricted swipe card access. Once inside the building, the lift to the 5th Floor Simulation Suite is controlled by swipe card access and it can be 'locked off' to prevent access to other users while cadaveric material is in transit. The lift delivers the cadaveric material directly into the Simulation Suite. All access doors to the Simulation Suite are controlled by restricted swipe card access and are electronically monitored. Cadaveric material will remain in the Simulation Suite for the entire time they are in 26 York Street. The facilities within the Simulation Suite (air handling, power, light, temperature control, water etc.) appear appropriate, but it is unlikely to be suitable for a full decontamination. At the time of inspection, the Simulation Suite was largely unfurnished with the materials necessary to run MRCS part B examinations, anatomy demonstrations and temporal bone courses.

3. RECORD KEEPING / TRACEABILITY

A record must be kept of all cadaveric transfers to and returns from 26 York Street. Hard copies of the transfer documents must be held at 26 York Street with with the transferred cadaveric material. Electronic access to the main RCSI donor database would be an advantage.

4. SENSITIVE DISPOSAL

Cadaveric material will be returned to 123 St Stephen's Green for disposal, following the RCSI protocols.

5. LOAN / TRANSFER OF CADAVERIC MATERIAL

Cadaveric Material will not be loaned or transferred from 26 York Street to any third party.



Inspector of Anatomy