



1 March 2012

Dear Colleague

On Tuesday [14th February](#), I decided to call an Extraordinary General Meeting. This was in response to correspondence received as a result of my letter of [13th February](#) sent to update you on matters concerning the RCOG's response to the Health and Social Care Bill.

I took this decision because it was clear to me that an EGM was important to give members the opportunity to express their views to allow Council to be appropriately informed.

The EGM will take place at 4.00pm on Friday 9th March at the RCOG. At an EGM there are certain governance processes that have to be followed:

This is not a public meeting and only current Fellows and Members of the College are permitted to attend.

To fulfil this, checks on membership details will be made at reception before admittance. For this reason it would be sensible to allow some extra time to enter the building. In addition, car parking cannot be guaranteed and will be very limited.

The EGM will be chaired by the President. The only non-members permitted to address the EGM are Dr Ted Adams, chair of the RCOG Trainees Committee, and Mr Ian Wylie, RCOG CEO.

At the EGM, attendees will discuss the College's future action with regard to the Health and Social Care Bill.

The motions that will be discussed, as outlined in my notice of the EGM on 14th February are:

- *The College should continue its policy of critical engagement with Government during passage of the Health and Social Care Bill.*
- *The College should now call publically for the withdrawal of the Health and Social Care Bill.*

No new motions will be accepted but amendments to the above motions will be allowed at the discretion of the President. Amendments must be proposed in person at the meeting and must have bearing on discussions and be relevant to the overall purpose of the EGM.

Attendees can expect a full and frank discussion and it is my intention to allow as many people as possible to express their views at the EGM.

I appreciate that many members who wished to attend the EGM are not able to be present. We have thus arranged to film the proceedings and this recording will be available on the member area of the RCOG website from Monday 12th March. In addition, attendees who wish to make Twitter updates during the EGM can choose to do so using the hashtag #RCOGEEM.

Further comments about the College's position on the Health and Social Care Bill will be welcomed after the EGM. Please send these to EGM12@rcog.org.uk.

Council will meet on 30th and 31st March when it will consider the outcome of the EGM and all other responses received from members. Please be assured that I and Council take the views of our members extremely seriously and we will do our very best to reflect the wishes of this College in our communication with the Government on this important matter.

If you have not yet communicated and are not able to attend the EGM, please do take this opportunity to give me your views using the above email address.

All good wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Falconer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Dr Tony Falconer
President