

Minutes of the 81st meeting of the Migration Advisory Committee on 29 January 2016

Chair: Professor Sir David Metcalf CBE

**Attending: Professor Alan Manning
Professor Jackline Wahba
Dr Jennifer Smith
Professor Jonathan Wadsworth
John Thompson (Home Office)
Gary Cook (Home Office)
MAC Secretariat**

Apologies: Lesley Giles

Agenda item 1 - Welcome and introductions

1. There were apologies from Lesley Giles.

Agenda item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2015

2. The MAC agreed the minutes for the December meeting.

Agenda item 3 – MAC, Home Office and MAC secretariat updates – oral item

3. Tim Harrison updated the committee on the secretariat's activities including publication of the Tier 2 report and the ongoing review of nursing shortages. MAC members were then invited to give updates on their work. Alan Manning reported that he had recently given a talk at the London School of Economics on the Economics of Migration. David Metcalf updated the committee about meetings he had with partners post publication of the MAC's review of Tier 2 and gave an overview of upcoming meetings. He also reported back on his trip to the World Economic Forum at Davos where he participated in a panel discussion on migration. Gary Cook updated the committee on behalf of the Home Office and its wider priorities with Europe.

Agenda item 4 – Oral update on publication of Tier 2 Report and follow-up action

4. Tim Harrison gave an update on media coverage of the MAC's review of Tier 2 and outlined the ongoing engagement of the MAC chair and secretariat with stakeholders in response to the Tier 2 recommendations. Gary Cook and John Thompson updated the committee and secretariat on the work of the Home Office in response to the MAC's report.

Agenda item 5 – Oral update on MAC research on nurses

5. Baljit Khinder provided an update on the progress of external research being carried out by the Institute for Employment Studies. The research examines the factors behind the demand for, and supply of, foreign born nurses in the NHS. She explained that the contractor had provided a preliminary report and analysis which has been reviewed by the secretariat and the steering group for this research project.

Agenda item 6 – Paper 81.1 update on nurses including issues considered to date

6. Members of the secretariat presented draft sections of the report on nursing shortages and highlighted the key arguments and issues to be addressed in the report. The Committee then discussed the draft chapters and gave suggestions to the Secretariat as to how to take the work forward.

Agenda item 7 – Any other business

7. John Thompson told the MAC that further work following the review on nurses had not yet been confirmed.