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**The Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare celebrates award of  
specialty status and launches 21<sup>st</sup> Century Training  
in Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare**

The Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (Faculty) is today hosting a reception to celebrate their specialty status for 'Community Sexual and Reproductive Health'.

The specialty of 'Community Sexual and Reproductive Health' was approved in August 2009 by the Secretary of State for Health, and to mark the occasion, the Faculty will be joined by Members of Parliament, Department of Health representatives, sexual health experts and individuals from the NHS, independent and third sectors.

The Reception, entitled '*Service and Specialism; launch of 21<sup>st</sup> Century training in Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare*' also marks the launch of the Faculty's modernised Diploma in Sexual and Reproductive Health which is widely regarded as the 'Gold Standard' in training for contraception and sexual and reproductive health.

The Faculty has been working with e-Learning for healthcare (e-LfH)\* to create a new innovative approach to learning which will enable more convenient and flexible, online access to theoretical components of the curriculum.

Speaking ahead of today's event, President of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Dr Christine Robinson said:

“Excellent leadership in sexual and reproductive health is needed to meet the challenges that face the health services both now and in the future. Equally it is important that there are recognised clinical and training standards enabling the delivery of basic sexual and reproductive healthcare.”

“Today's event marks an important day for the future of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare; whilst our new specialty in Community Sexual and Reproductive Health will help ensure future leadership in the field, our modernised Diploma will enable clinicians a more flexible approach to learning and ultimately allow more clinicians to train in the specialty.”

\* e-LfH is a Department of Health programme working in partnership with the NHS and professional bodies to provide high quality e-learning material for the training of the healthcare workforce across the UK.

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**Notes to Editors:**

- The Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (formerly called the Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Healthcare) of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists was established on the 26th March 1993.
- It has over 13,500 medical members in the UK of whom over 10,000 are General Practitioners
- It sets standards in training and clinical governance.
- It grants diplomas, certificates, fellowships and equivalent recognition of specialist knowledge and skills in family planning and reproductive health care.
- As a body it promotes conferences and lectures, provides members with an advisory service and publishes the *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*.
- For more information please visit [www.fsrh.org](http://www.fsrh.org)