

TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

SAC MEETING 1ST DECEMBER 2009, LONDON

TRAINING

The recent national training day in Brighton focused on the complex needs of the neurodevelopmentally delayed child. Lectures on paediatric surgical issues, respiratory, anaesthetic and nutritional concerns were very interesting and a discussion of ethical issues chaired by Prof Bobby Farsides of Brighton and Sussex Medical School was extremely thought provoking. Our thanks go to the Education & Training committee and local organizing committees (including Miss van der Avoirt, Ms Hallows and Mr Kalidasan) for organizing this.

The next training day will be in Cambridge in on 8-9th April 2010 on the subject of neonatal surgery, with a talk from Graham Lamont about the exam.

The autumn 2010 training day will be on hepatobiliary problems hosted by King's College Hospital.

BAPS CONGRESS

We are planning an excellent trainee session at BAPS in Aberdeen – Chris Driver is arranging a whole day of simulation training at the brand new Suttie Centre in Aberdeen and we are planning a ½ day trainees meeting the following day with trainee presentations and lectures/discussions from a variety of speakers.

EWTD

Trainees remain concerned that training may suffer as a result of implementation of the EWTD. It has been suggested that paediatric surgery may be a 'special case' due to the variety of conditions treated and the need for experience as a trainee. In order to argue this we would need evidence that training is adversely affected by the 48 hour week. We therefore propose a survey of trainees and consultants to highlight patient safety issues as well as training concerns, and ask for the support of the SAC for this. We hope that trainees and trainers will continue to work together to find local solutions to maximize training.

A copy of the proposed questionnaire will be circulated.

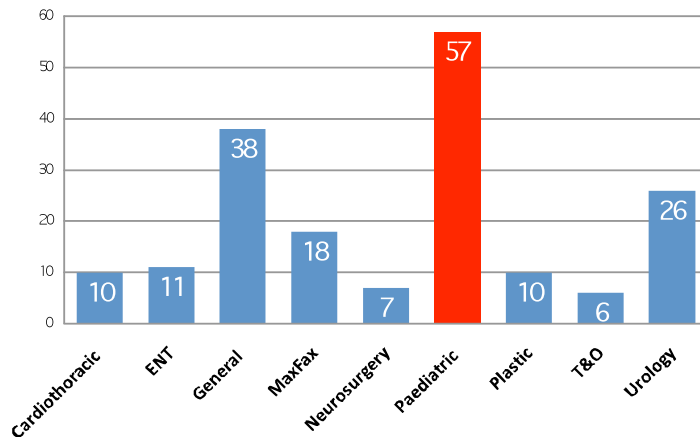
ISCP / E-LOGBOOK

We appreciate the work that has gone in to updating the online assessments on the ISCP site and continue to encourage use of the e-logbook. To ensure its success more trainers need to sign up. The trainee reps attended a meeting at the RCS about the ISCP site and assessments, chaired by Chris Munsch, and are pleased to report that the views of trainees were listened to and significant changes incorporated into the new version (ISCP v6) to improve ease of navigation, access and clarity.

We presented the trainees view of training at the BAPS winter meeting in November. We welcome the recent guidance from the SAC on numbers and type of workplace based

assessments for each stage of training in paediatric surgery. Paediatric surgery is leading the way in WBAs available on ISCP:

Number of PBAs

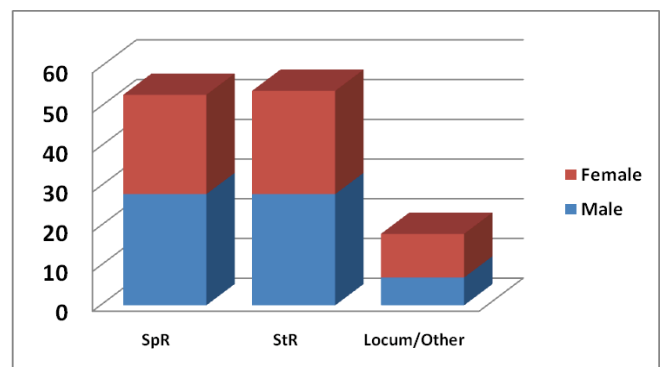


NATIONAL SELECTION / WORKFORCE PLANNING

National selection has been notified to trainees, including the dates of advert, short-listing and interviews.

A recent review of training numbers has indicated that there may have been a change in demographics over the last few years – there are now 50% female trainees (40% 18 months ago, data presented at BAPS 2009). Data from the JCST from the beginning of September suggest that there are 125 trainees in SpR/StR/FTSTA or LAT posts. This does not include non-training posts. Of these the demographics are as follows:

	Male	Female
SpR (Old style trainee)	53%	47%
StR (New style trainee)	52%	48%
Locum / Other	39%	61%



(‘Other’ includes LAT, FTSTA, OOP and on leave.)

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We will be seeking a new trainee rep in the near future as Charlie Keys will be taking up a post in Australia.

CLARE REES & CHARLES KEYS

National Trainee Representatives