

SAC IN PAEDIATRIC SURGERY

TRAINEE REPORT

Thursday 3rd September 2009, at the Royal College of Surgeons of England

MEMBERSHIP

Mark Powis has taken over from Shawqui Nour as TPD for the Yorkshire, East Midlands and Newcastle Consortium. Mr George Ninan has replaced him as Lead Trainer for Leicester.

Mr Karan Parashar has agreed to take over Mr Haddock's responsibilities as both SAC Liaison member for London and the SE and article 14 assessments.

TPD for the North Western Consortium is not yet clarified.

JCST

JCST is planning on setting up a Joint JCST/HoS working group on simulators in surgical training.

There is a new CESR (CP) route (Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration via the combined programme route) to specialist register – for trainees who enter training above ST1, with some training abroad or not approved by PMETB. These people are not eligible for CCT, but will have a national training number with suffix 'E'. All previous training will need to be ratified by PMETB and an approval letter from PMETB will need to be submitted to SAC. The application process can be viewed on www.pmetb.org.uk/index.php?id=2939 . **If you think you might fall in to this category, please seek advice from the David McKinlay, Specialty Manager at JCST (dmkinlay@jcst.org) to ensure you have the correct documentation.**

Meeting next week about ISCP website – Clare & Charlie attending on behalf of trainees.

NATIONAL RECRUITMENT

No training numbers will be appointed from Xmas 2009 except through national selection process. LATS will also be appointed by this process, although can be appointed subsequently locally.

Application will be online and marked online.

Requirements for application will be available on deanery/schools of surgery websites and TRIPS site.

People will be ranked and then offered jobs in the order that they have prioritised – there is no advantage to not giving a job a priority (unless you really, really don't want to go there).

Person spec includes the requirement to have done at least 6 months as CT/ST/SHO in Paediatric Surgery in UK (does not include Foundation level). Applicants must have completed APLS/PALS before commencement of post.

Scoring system and description of interview (which will cover totality of person specification) will be published.

Approximately 10 run through posts + 5 LATS are expected to be available in 2010.

Trainee reps have been invited to attend the interview process for quality assurance.

Trainees who wish to train flexibly will not be required to state their intention at the time of application, but will have to arrange flexible training after being appointed to the full time post (as currently).

Scotland will be recruiting separately in 2010 (outcome will be known before start of English National Recruitment). Scotland is keen to join national recruitment in 2011, but it depends on decoupling.

ACFs continue to be specialty specific run-through posts

Educational supervisors report will form part of application, but will not be viewed before short listing.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Working group: E Cusick, G Haddock, G Lamont, C Keys

Major change made to curriculum to recognise increased importance of laparoscopic surgery.

Details of curriculum discussed and amended – will be ratified and available on ISCP website in due course (panel on 11th November).

Workplace based assessments – note that these are supposed to be for learning as well as to assess learning. New document from PMETB about the implementation of assessments. (Posted on TRIPS website)

Number of WBAs defined – accepted by SAC but needs ratifying by JCST/PMETB – letter will be circulated by SAC chair. These will have to be distributed throughout the year, not all in the last 2 weeks before the ARCP and should mostly be assessed by consultants.

A guide to good practice for ARCPs has been published and will be available on the TRIPS site.

EWTD

Is there any evidence that reduced working hours has affected training? Feeling that for most trainees this is not an issue. Trainees requested that trainees and trainers cooperate with RCS/ASiT surveys into effect of 48 hour week on training.

DEANS REPORT

NHS indemnity has been using Deans' reports to PMETB to decide how much indemnity to charge trusts, so that data is being used for purpose for which it was not intended.