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# Message from the trainee reps

We hope this newsletter provides you with some useful information we received from recent school meetings, as well as reminders of important dates and events that has been communicated before.

We would firstly like to take the opportunity to thank Dr Brennan for all of her incredibly hard work over the last few years as TPD. She will be taking up the job as head of school and will continue to be fantastic at the role. We're sure many of you will be extremely grateful for the help and support that she has provided towards our individual training requirements and we wish her all the best.

And also a huge good luck to everybody that has sat post graduate exams recently as you wait for your results.

If anyone has any matters that you wish to be raised at school level, please contact either Menanta at [menanta.vanvelze@nhs.net](mailto:menanta.vanvelze@nhs.net) or Phil at [philip.harrington@nhs.net](mailto:philip.harrington@nhs.net).

Also, if you have any important training-related events or dates that you would like to inform or remind people of in this newsletter, just let us know. The next newsletter will be sent out after the next College Tutor meeting in October 2022.

# Curriculum and ARCPs



## HEE/RCOA NEWS

- HEE will change nomenclature in April 2023 and be called NHS England
- A mandatory training passport enabling easy transfer of mandatory training between trusts is due to start as a pilot later this year
- A central study leave manager database is also being implemented next year - NOTE this will be for funding, not for the actual time taken as leave
- There is currently a college advert out for a Global Anaesthesia Fellow - please see <https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/about-college/global-partnerships/global-fellowship-scheme/global-fellowship-scheme-applicant> if interested
- The NETS survey will move next year to being only once per year - please continue to fill these in when they are released as they allow issues to be recognised and change to happen

## ARCP NEWS

- ARCPs will continue to remain virtual however the panel will, where possible, meet together to improve cohesiveness and enable easier panel discussion
- COVID checklists will cease to exist in August 2022 - please do not worry however, the need for these has declined significantly - most were given for lack of exposure to certain areas of anaesthesia which has largely recovered or is recovering
- Please note that in general everybody requires an ARCP each year - even when on an OOPE. The only exceptions to this are during maternity or sick leave
- There will be a revised ARCP national checklist implemented from August 2022 - this has been communicated previously by Dr Brennan and can be found at:  
<https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2020-02/RCoA%20National%20ARCP%20Checklist%20V5.pdf>

# CT/ST Training

## STAGES OF TRAINING SPECIFICS

Core Training	Speciality Training
<p>The difficulty with having the same ES for 2 years in ACCS has been recognised. Some trusts are able to easily offer this, others with split site working or trusts where trainees rotate between hospitals may find this difficult. It is being looked into in terms of offering the best experience for trainees and you will hear more in due course.</p>	<p>Please do open and create your own HALOs without relying on the ES to do this. If the trainee opens it themselves then it allows assessors to review supervision levels much more easily.</p>
<p>It has also been recognised that the new entrustment levels for procedures may be difficult to obtain - particularly for things such as chest drains. Nobody will be penalised this year for having the incorrect entrustment levels.</p>	<p>The RCOA have produced a HALO guide, found here: <a href="https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/documents/general-principles">https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/documents/general-principles</a> As well as a HAL-gorithm to help: <a href="https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/HAL-gorithm.png">https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/HAL-gorithm.png</a></p>
<p>Please ensure the ESSR is submitted 2 weeks before the ARCP for CT trainees - this allows the college tutor to also look at it and sign in good time.</p>	<p>It has been noted that Final FRCA and Final FFICM teaching days take place on the same day each month which can be difficult for dual trainees. Dates are fixed this year but will be looked into for next year.</p>
<p>Other than ICM (which has a finite "block") please do not sign off specific HALOs until the end of core training as you will not be able to add anything new once signed off.</p>	<p>&lt;-- Same for ST trainees - please try to sign HALOs towards the end of a stage of training to allow evidence of progression.</p>

# Teaching & Other things

HEE is currently happy for teaching to be either face to face, hybrid or remote.

Primary FRCA teaching is delivered locally by each trust.

Final FRCA teaching is delivered regionally. The next dates and locations include:

- 13th July - QEHB
- 7th September - City Hospital
- 12th October - Hereford
- 9th November - Worcester

Post-FRCA teaching is organised by the QEHB Trainee Education Lead - currently Julia Blackburn.

Please join the Whatsapp group for updates and video links:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CBoOd8nTLuICl4HptDL9El>

Teaching starts at 14:00 on the following days:

- 26th July - Liver transplant
- Further dates TBC

Postgraduate  
Virtual Learning  
Environment

## OTHER BITS AND BOBS:

- Educational Development Time - All hospitals have SPA time written into rotas now. Please ensure you have evidence for what your time was used for on LLP.
- NETS survey - again can we please encourage everyone to complete the next NETS survey (you may find it in your 'junk mail'). This will improve results and subsequently opportunities to improve training environments.
- Mandatory training - If you were unable to complete your trust mandatory training during induction and need to complete it in your own time, the trust should give you time back. Again, hopefully the pilot for a new mandatory training passport is successful meaning some of the difficulties of moving between trusts will be improved.
- HQIP - the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership has an excellent website providing top tips and learning resources for doctors in training working on quality improvement.

## Post Graduate Virtual Learning Environment (PGVLE):

The platform continues to be used by the FICM community in the West Midlands and for Anaesthesia from different schools. It is being encouraged by the West Midlands school as a whole to enable a central place to have general information about training as well as the potential for slides/transcripts of teaching sessions.

Dr Julia Blackburn has kindly volunteered to lead on/improve the BSA presence on the PGVLE page. If you have any teaching events/lectures/education related work that can go on the platform, please get in touch with Julia.

The West Midlands is considering advertising a fellow job to look after this platform analagous to an academic role. Look out for expressions of interest shortly.

# Upcoming Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BSALT Training day

- Next BSALT day planned to be at RHH, Dudley
- Aiming for a date in September 2022
- Watch this space/emails for further information with specifics



### West Midlands Quality Matters Day

- HEWM quality matters day to be held virtually on MS teams on 23rd August 2022
- Programme finalised with presentations on the various curricula, ES/MTR reports and making sense of the NETS data
- Trainee presentations and abstracts encouraged, please see flyer on how to submit when this is sent out

### BSA Socials

- Now becoming a more regular feature
- Where: Somewhere fun, likely Harborne
- Who: ALL are welcome
- How to join: more info will be communicated when the next date is set but please do consider joining if you are able

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Core trainee recruitment - Interview panel

- As an ST7 trainee, you can sit on the interview panel at core trainee recruitment
- Requirements: Equality and Diversity training
- How: Contact Dr Shireen Edmends if interested

### Outgoing LTFT Rep

- Dr Claire Scanlon is vacating her LTFT Rep post as she transitions to her new Consultant job at QEHB
- We would like to say a big congratulations and thank you to Claire for all of the hard work she has put in - we hope you enjoy the new role and look forward to working with you again soon!
- Taking over the role will be Dr Julia Blackburn - thank you for applying and we look forward to working with you! Julia can be contacted on [juliablackburn@nhs.net](mailto:juliablackburn@nhs.net)