

West Midlands Foundation Newsletter May 2025



West Midlands Foundation ARCP Portfolio Deadlines

Dear all,

We have reviewed previous portfolio cut off dates for Foundation ARCPs and carefully considered the feedback from supervisors with regard to clashes with school half terms and impact on supervisor availability. With the feedback in mind, the West Midlands Foundation ARCP portfolio deadlines for this 2025 are:

- **Friday 6 June at 5pm for Foundation Year 1**
- **Friday 13 June at 5pm for Foundation Year 2**

Best wishes,

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Foundation School Directors, West Midlands

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PSA 2025-26 / Confirmation of dates and arrangements

Dear FSDs and FS admin colleagues,

Following the changes agreed to PSA sittings for next training year, I'd just like to re-confirm the dates and arrangements for clarity:

- **Wednesday 15 October 2025**
- **Thursday 26 March 2026**
- **Thursday 23 April 2026**

We appreciate that the March and April sittings are closer together than usual. This was unfortunately unavoidable due to factors such as religious calendar events and other assessment-based calendar events. Future dates will revert to the usual 6-week gap whenever possible. The PSA team have confirmed that results will be released to candidates two weeks after the sitting, so there will be time to register those who do not pass on to the final sitting of the training year.

Thanks,

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UKFPO Webinars

The UKFPO will hold a webinar session “Preparing for F1 and F2” in July. Details as below:

- **Date: Tuesday 22 July 2025**
- **Time: 18:00 – 19:00 GMT**
- **Audience: Foundation doctors**

A series of previously recorded webinars can also be found on the UKFPO YouTube Page. These include: Foundation Programme Application, Supporting Trainees Entering Practice (STEP), Education and Support, and Archives of ARCP, Curriculum and e-Portfolio. UKFPO webinars can count towards non-core learning for foundation doctors.

For more information, please visit the website [UKFPO Webinars](#).

UKFPO Bulletin / 05 May 2025

Dear colleagues,

We have published our latest bulletin: [UKFPO Bulletin/ 05 May 2025](#)

Please share with your networks, including FTPDs and foundation doctors.

Best wishes,

UKFPO Team

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