

Durham & Tees Valley GP Training Programme Trainers' Newsletter – June 2024

Since our last newsletter

Celebrating Success- July 3rd 2-5pm Wolfson, Queens Campus.

DTV are keen to hear from Trainers.

Many of our PGDiT's are very diligent and hardworking and we would like to celebrate this. We would love to see as many trainers attend as possible-it counts as a Trainer workshop and there will be food!

Nominations for the following awards should be submitted by Friday 21st June please.

We would encourage you to nominate your PGDiT (in your ES or CS capacity)

1. **The Ruth Dunlop Award.** This award is made annually to the PGDiT who it is felt best espouses Ruth's qualities of enthusiasm, motivation, and commitment to general practice. **All** PGDiTs are eligible for the Award. The Trainer/Clinical Supervisor of the winning PGDiT will be asked to give a short speech explaining why they nominated their PGDiT.

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationyh/the-ruth-dunlop-award-2024>

2. **The Quality Improvement Award (QIP or QIA).** If your PGDiT has done a very good QIP or QIA, then please encourage them to self-nominate, or nominate them yourself.

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/healtheducationyh/quality-improvement-award-2024>

ARCP- The Panel make the final decision.

The ES provides objective evidence for that decision to be made.

If in doubt, ask for Panel Opinion.

SCA - DTV advise that the best way for PGDiTs to prepare for the SCA exam is to be seeing sufficient numbers of patients.

As the SCA involves 12 patients, the Training Programme would expect ST3's to be seeing at least this many patients covering all Capabilities and Clinical experience groups in the run up to SCA.

It might be useful at the Placement Planning meeting to discuss your expectations for adequate progress during the post and record it in your Educator Note.

May we suggest the following be used to help Doctors prepare:

- Tutorials based around joint surgeries,
- Videoing patients and reviewing in tutorials,
- Roleplay together (or with other learners in the practice) - videoing these to review together is also helpful.
- Roleplaying via Teams to practise virtual consulting. This can then too be recorded to review together.

There are lots of resources available such as:

- [Preparing for the SCA \(rcgp.org.uk\)](https://www.rcgp.org.uk)
- Pennine VTS and Bradford VTS SCA videos
- VPC -this is a store of GP consultations which were filmed for 'GP behind closed doors' but not used. All ST3's have access to this through DTV. Please encourage your PGDiT to use it. You might think about using them in tutorials....

Trainer workshops

We've had good feedback on our workshop last week.

We covered Top Tips for SCA and preparing and ESR for ARCP.

The links to the slide presentations can be found on our website at:

[Trainer Workshops \(hee.nhs.uk\)](https://www.hee.nhs.uk)

Next trainer workshops

New Trainer Q&A online drop-in Wednesday 19th June 12.30-1.30pm. For all trainers who have qualified since February 2022. To join this session please find the Teams meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams - [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 365 098 850 528 / Passcode: EjycxG

Trainer Workshop Wednesday 28th August 2-5pm Wolfson, Queens Campus.

New Trainer Workshop Wednesday 25th September 2-5pm Wolfson, Queens Campus.

It is expected all new trainers who qualified since August 2022 attend this workshop.

Important information

- If you find the **trainer/trainee relationship is becoming strained**, please submit a support form: [Support Form \(jisc.ac.uk\)](https://www.jisc.ac.uk)
These are triaged every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon.
- If a **PGDiT is awarded an extension**, invariably they will go to a different practice for triangulation. It is not a given that they can stay in their current post, even if their ES or the PGDiT wishes to do so.
- **Remember the 7:3 Split** - when there is no Regional Teaching, then that session remains an educational session but...how the Postgraduate Doctor uses this **MUST** be agreed with the ES/ CS beforehand. They can do a surgery **BUT** for learning purposes and consultations would be expected to be of longer duration to allow reflection and learning.
- There is now an expectation that Trainers comment on examination skills within **non-mandatory CEPS**.
- **CSR**: This needs to be completed **no matter what!** Even if the placement is short, or there is a relationship breakdown. Whether the Postgraduate Doctor likes it or not, it is their responsibility to get it done! This is to prevent gaps in their evidence on the ePortfolio.
- **ESR/i-ESR: A full ESR or interim ESR MUST be completed every 6 months.** If there are **any** concerns the Educational Supervisor **must** complete a full ESR. If there are no concerns and the PGDiT have had a full ESR 6 months ago with an ARCP outcome 1 then an interim ESR can be safely completed.

Reminder!

Please remember to contact us **VIA THE SUPPORT FORM (see link below)** if:

[Support Form \(jisc.ac.uk\)](https://www.jisc.ac.uk)

- You have **concerns** about your educational relationship with a Postgraduate Doctor.
- You want **advice** about your role as a GP Trainer or Educational Supervisor.
- There are **significant changes** in the practice.
- You become aware of **practice performance issues** especially if these involve either CQC or the GMC.
- The practice receives an excellent or unsatisfactory **CQC rating**.

- You **want to take a break from training**, extended leave for over 2 weeks or are returning after a break, you or the practice, must contact **Chris Alderson** (chris.alderson2@nhs.net) / **0191 275 4743**, Programme Support Officer, for initial advice and, if required, a follow up meeting/discussion with a TPD.

We will contact you to:

- Follow up your questions and requests.
- Offer a Trainer support meeting: if we think that one might be needed.
- Ask you to respond to unexpected End of Post Feedback.