A good time to Apply for GP Training!

We are pleased to be able to offer more GP training places in Northern Ireland this year. The number of places has gone up to 97 this year, compared to 85 last year. In addition, this year you can rank your programme options within Northern Ireland.

So if you have been thinking about it, this is the year to do it. General Practice is a rewarding, career choice with flexible career development.

Applications are now open and close on Thursday 1st December. Applications are made through the NRI website.

https://recruitment.hee.nhs.uk/

Kind regards,
Dr Michele Stone

NIMDTA welcomes Health Minister Ms Michele O’Neill on World Quality Day

The NIMDTA Board, Senior Management Committee and Staff were delighted to welcome Health Minister Ms Michele O’Neill to NIMDTA for the first time on World Quality Day 2016 – Thursday 10 November 2016.

During this visit, NIMDTA senior staff explained the role of NIMDTA, highlighting the high quality of postgraduate training of doctors and dentists that NIMDTA undertakes on behalf of the Department of Health and drawing attention to the many ways in which NIMDTA contributes to the wider Health and Social Care agenda including the Quality 2020 Initiatives.

REMINDER: ST3 Mock CSA

The Mock CSA will take place in the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast on the 8th of December. We hope all ST3 trainees will find this a beneficial experience and look forward to seeing you all there.

Still using a QUB email address?

You may be missing important emails from us, as we have issues sending bulk emails through the QUB server. Please provide us with an alternative email address as soon as possible!

ENGAGE Clinical Leadership & Improvement Programme

The Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency in collaboration with the HSC Leadership Centre have developed a new Clinical Leadership and Improvement Programme for Final Year GP, Dental and Specialty Trainees across Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland.

Please see ‘Engage Application Form’ and ‘Engage Programme Information’ attachments for further information.

Closing date is 25th of November

GP ST3 Research Posts

Each year joint clinical and research posts for GPST3 trainees are funded by the Public Health Agency. These posts are popular with trainees and the projects often contribute to significant research agendas in Northern Ireland and further afield. On completion of the programme the trainee will be awarded an MPhil.

We will be advertising for the Research Posts soon! Keep an eye out for emails and see next months newsletter.

TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVES

Are you aware that membership of the GP Specialty Training Committee includes 3 trainee representatives – an ST1, ST2 and ST3?

The committee provides an opportunity for the deanery to get feedback from all stakeholders on the GP specialty training programme. Other members include trainers, programme directors, BMA, RCGP and a representative from the hospital specialty schools.

The committee meets twice a year generally on a Thursday afternoon (usually in NIMDTA). The next meeting is on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 2pm in NIMDTA, Beech Hill House.

If you wish to provide feedback to NIMDTA regarding any aspect of the GP training programme please contact your relevant representative directly as follows:

ST1 – Dr Sarah Cassidy (sarahcassidy@gmail.com)
ST2 – Dr Laura-Jo Hanna (caroline.diver@bchni.net – in lieu of Dr Hanna)
ST3 – Dr Sharon Porter (sharonporter@doctors.org.uk)

ATTACHMENTS

Included with your newsletter this month:

1. Engage Programme Information
2. Engage Application Form
3. Reach Out Programme
4. Letter from P Woods on latest NCEPOD Report
5. NIFS Foundation Weekly Update October
7. Ministerial Visit Newsletter
8. Patient Safety Alert—Never Events
9. Patient Safety Alert—Think Kidneys
10. Patient Safety Alert—Reducing the risk of oxygen tubing being connected to air flow meters