Recruitment for training in General Practice in Northern Ireland took place at the Selection Centre on the 8th and 9th of February. The event was a great success, after months of careful planning and organisation. We would like to thank all the candidates that applied and wish them good luck with their outcomes; all the Assessors and Simulators for all their input and help and of course to all the NIMDTA GP Team, including Associate Directors, Programme Directors and Admin staff for coordinating all the events throughout the day.

Beechill House Works

We will be making some changes to the layout of Beechill House between the 8-22 February and 6-20 March 2017.

During this time NIMDTA will be working as normal, though there may be a level of disruption to how we receive incoming phone calls.

It would assist us greatly if you could email us as a first point of contact during this time, or call our switchboard on 028 9040 0000 as opposed to any direct dials you may hold.

Thanks for bearing with us as we make these changes.

FMLM NI 3rd Regional Conference

As you know Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland is currently on the cusp of a radical transformation. Following on from the last conference, where Sir Liam Donaldson talked about the importance of quality and safety in a modern health care system, this year delegates will have the privilege of hearing Professor Bengoa share the findings from the expert panel review, and the vision of future healthcare in Northern Ireland and the work of the transformation implementation team to date.

FMLM hope you will come and hear from many distinguished leaders first-hand, join in the discussions and have the opportunity to debate around how we can best collaborate to achieve this vision.

This is a great opportunity for all doctors in Northern Ireland regardless of specialty or seniority. FMLM have also called for poster abstracts - go to: https://www.fmlm.ac.uk/events/fmlm-northern-ireland-regional-conference-0 for further information.

Sir Liam Donaldson stated, “The quality and safety of care will only get better if those who deliver the care are not only involved in improving it, but are leading the improvement effort”. (The Right Time, the Right Place, Donaldson Report: 2014)

Inter Deanery Transfers

For more information on Inter-Deanery Transfers visit http://www.nimdta.gov.uk/download/news/news2016/IDT%20eFlyer%20f%20Feb17v2.pdf

SAFETY AND QUALITY ALERTS

⇒ Prescribing of Methadone
⇒ Sepsis due to untreated UTI in pregnancy

Please see attachments 1 & 2, which are important Safety & Quality alerts, this must be read by all doctors in training.

Raising Concerns—Healthcare professionals must be open and honest with their colleagues, employers and relevant organisations, and take part in investigations when requested. They must also be open and honest with their regulators, raising concerns where appropriate. They must support and encourage each other to be open and honest, and not stop someone from raising concerns. Read more here from the Nursing and Midwifery Council on the Professional Duty of Candour:

NMC Press Release—new confidentiality guidance published—read here: