Allocations panels will be convening in April and May for trainees across all levels. Trainees will be allocated based on:

- Special Circumstances
- Rank from recruitment
- Ranked preferences

Out of Sync trainees are allocated based on:

- Special Circumstances
- Individual training requirements (e.g., a trainee who must complete additional time in a specific post)
- Originally allocated programme
- A placement in the same Trust Area Group
- Completion of hospital-based training before commencing a General Practice placement where possible
- Availability of a suitable training placement.

We will endeavor to inform trainees of their placements as soon as possible following the panels. Where possible, 3 weeks notice will be given to all trainees, including those that are out of work regarding their placements, however, this timeline may be affected by the availability of suitable posts.

We appreciate that you all need to do some forward planning for your future placement but we would encourage you to contact us for further information on the AODS resources.

The preference ranking forms have been sent out to all ‘In-sync’ ST1, ST2 trainees—please complete your ranking no later than 5pm on the 24th of April 2017.

Please note if you have had any time out of your training programme over the 14 days allowance (i.e. Maternity leave, sick leave), if you have had a deferred start or are doing less than full-time training then you are ‘Out-of-Sync’ and your next posts will be discussed on a case by case basis at the allocations panel in May.

For more information please click here.

ESR and Form R Submission

This is a reminder to all GP Trainees with regards to the completion of the Scope of Practice (section 2) of the Enhanced Form R. This section must be fully completed as stated in the Scope of Practice working, (see below) prior to submitting to us.

Section 2: Whole Scope of Practice

Please list all placements in your capacity as a registered medical practitioner since last ARCP (or since initial registration to programme if more recent). This includes:

1. Each of your training posts if you are or were in a training programme;
2. Any time out of programme, e.g., OOP, mat leave, career break, etc.;
3. Any voluntary or advisory work, work in non-NHS bodies, or self-employment;
4. Any work as a locum. For locum posts, please group shifts with one employer within an unbroken period as one employer-entry. Include the dates and number of shifts worked in each locum employer-entry.

Please add more rows if required, or attach additional sheets for printed copy and email to training.office@hscni.net.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact us for further advice.

Allocations

Northern Ireland Confederation

The NICON annual conference and exhibitions 2017 will be focused on: Transformation in Practice. Read the Programme for the breakdown of events and for more information to book your place, click here.

NIMDTA QUB-UMS Trainee Research Day – 19 October 2017

The annual Trainee Research Day is scheduled to be held on Thursday 19th October 2017 at the Atrium, Queen’s University, Belfast City Hospital.

To view the draft programme of events please click here.

NIMDTA Trainee HSC Library Focus Groups: “You said, We did”

NIMDTA Trainees recently participated in a focus group, during which they were asked about their awareness of, and engagement with, services available from the HSC Library. There were lots of interesting comments made by the trainees during the focus group. Please see attachment “You said We Did” to read a selection of these comments, along with the HSC Library’s responses.

Data Protection & Confidentiality

Adept Clinical Fellows Dr Anna O’Kane and Dr Sara Lawson have composed an information bulletin on data protection and confidentiality following a data loss by a trainee in one of theTrusts. Please see attached version for more information.

For more information please click here.

For GPST1s - ECHO

This month saw the first Dermatology ECHO session for the current GPST2 Cohort, facilitated by Dr Siobhan McEntee with Drs Paula McArdle and Dr Marisa Currie in attendance. On behalf of Dr McEntee and NIMDTA we would like to thank the trainees for such a great first session and look forward to the next four taking place on the following dates:

- 26th April
- 3rd May
- 10th May
- 17th June

The next topic will be on Atopic Eczema in Children so please do send in your cases ASAP.

The 2017 QUB Scholarly Educational Research Network (SERN) Conference will take place on the 30th of June 2017. Please see the SERN Page for further information and first attached the Abstract submission form.

The second NIMDTA Annual Educational Excellence day will take place on Wednesday 14th June 2017. The day aims to officially recognize the achievements of doctors in training across the academic year 2016/17 as an early celebration of the GMC’s Annual Survey results. The event will be held in the Batterton at the Stormont Hotel. We are going to acknowledge and acclaim the achievements of doctors and dentists in training at this event through a series of awards for excellence in research, clinical education, quality improvement, examinations, national awards, leadership and outstanding contributions to society.

Trainees can be nominated or can self-nominate, both trainees and educators are eligible to make nominations for trainees. If trainees are to be nominated for one or more awards, a nomination form must be submitted for each category of excellence.

The NIMDTA-BIMED Trainee Research Day—19 October 2017

This event is open to all in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Please see the NIMDTA-BIMED Trainee Research Day—19 October 2017 for the breakdown of events and for more information to book your place.

For the programme of events for the Excellence day programme click here.

The prestigious event welcomes trainees and educators to attend regardless of nomination to an excellence award category. Click here to reserve a place.

Annual Education Excellence Day

By taking part you will help to protect and improve the quality of UK medical training. For more information or to take part, visit www.gmc-uk.org/nts.

GMC’s 2017 surveys for doctors in training are now open!

If you are a doctor in training you are invited to take part in this year’s GMC national training surveys which will run from 21st of March to 3rd of May. Your response helps NIMDTA to ensure that doctors in training receive high-quality training in a safe and effective clinical environment. Your feedback will help recognise where the training is working well and highlight where action is needed to make improvements.

Following feedback from doctors in training, this year the GMC have introduced new questions onrots design so we can pinpoint where issues exist. These questions have been developed with the help of doctors in training across the UK, researchers, the BMA and other representatives of medical education and training organisations across the UK.

How you can help

The survey is easy to complete and will take about 15 minutes. Please make sure you complete your survey by midnight on the 3rd of May 2017.

By taking part you will help to protect and improve the quality of UK medical training.

For more information or to take part, visit www.gmc-uk.org/nts.

See more here for further information.