**GP TRAINEE NEWSLETTER**

**Issue 7—May 2017**

**gpspecialtytraining.nimdta@hscni.net**

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**Allocations**

For your information:

Allocations panels are convening during the month of May and these panels will review:

- Preference ranking forms of ‘in-sync’ trainees
- Out of Sync trainees
- Trainees who have applied for Special Circumstances

Once all the panels have met the information will be collated and all trainees will be informed of their future placements.

**We aim to be informing trainees of their future placement at the end of May / beginning of June.**

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**PMPL Application and Registration**

Trainees who are commencing their GPST2 year in August, whose first rotation is in a GP practice will be receiving a further email following the placement allocation email regarding registering on the Northern Ireland’s Performers List (PMPL). Any trainee commencing a post in a GP practice for the first time must be registered on the PMPL. The email will outline the necessary process which must be followed.

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**ARCPs**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER for ARCPs :**

Please note that the date for the GPST1 ARCPs have changed to the 8th of June 2017.

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**NIMDTA Trainee Ambassadors**

A new role for trainees to become Trainee Ambassadors has been developed by NIMDTA under the VALUED strategy, with the overall objectives of:

- Promoting connections between trainees
- Highlighting benefits of training
- Strengthening the engagement between NIMDTA and trainees

NIMDTA will support trainees in this role via 3 monthly meetings, to assist ambassadors to learn new skills, develop and share new ideas and explore any issues. Ambassadors will initially be appointed for a 1 year period, with the option to continue in post after this if desired with the support of educational supervisors.

[Click here for further information.]

If you have any queries, please contact: valuedtrainees@hscni.net

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**STs - EQUIP EVALUATION**

Due to the pressures of ePortfolio and other requirements in May, the EQUIP evaluation feedback sessions have been postponed until June.

If you are a ST3 who has been taking part in EQUIP and would be willing to have a short, informal conversation with Anna O’Kane via Zoom on your experience of EQUIP, please email Anna directly at aokane16@qub.ac.uk

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

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**ST3s - EQUIP EVALUATION**

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**REMINDER TO ALL TRAINEES WHO STILL HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEIR FORM R:**

The submission date for your Form R was Friday 12 May. If you have not already submitted this document to gspecpecialtytraining.nimdta@hscni.net or via post please do so as a matter of urgency.

Failure to provide a fully completed Form R ahead of your ARCP will result in an adverse ARCP Outcome.

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**HSC Pension Service**

Important Information regarding NHS Pension Service accrued outside Northern Ireland: please click here for further information

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**HONNI Medical & HSC Library Access**

There is now a Honni search facility on the NIMDTA website which you can find here:

http://www.nimdta.gov.uk/hsc-library/

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**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE RCGP—VOTING NOW OPEN**

For the first time ever all trainee members of the RCGP (AiTs) are eligible to vote for the new College President and new National Council members.

To make it easier than ever to use your vote, you will have received an email with codes for voting online as well as a paper ballot.

Ballots close at 12 noon on 31st May.

More info at www.ervotes.com/rcgp

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**ARCP OUTCOMES**

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**GMC National Training Survey is now closed!**

Thank you all for completing this survey. 99% of General Practice trainees completed the survey within the time frame.

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**REQUIRED READING**

Click on the below bullet points to read this month's letters and urgent communications from DoH:

- **New advice on Vitamin D intake**

**Click on the below bullet point to read latest SAFETY QUALITY AND STANDARDS CIRCULAR -**

- **To Support the safety of girls and women who are being treated with valproate**