

Trainees' Representative Annual Report 2007

Overall we now have 35 trainees within the region.

Pre-registration (Training course) Trainees

- 2007 Intake – Four trainees were appointed.
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| Dr Rachel Kinsey | Heartlands |
| Miss Jenna Waldron | Heartlands |
| Dr Jane Dickens | Birmingham City Hospital |
| Mr Matthew Whitlock | University Hospital Birmingham |
- 2006 Intake – The four trainees are now on secondments.
- 2005 Intake – The four trainees have now returned to their base hospitals after secondments. They all presented their project work at the November ACB meeting.
- 2004 Intake – All trainees have successfully passed the MSc and graduated in December. Three of the trainees are on extended contracts and one trainee left the profession to take up a post within Clinical Governance.

Other Trainees

There are currently 10 (pre-registration non-training course) and 13 registered trainees in the region with 2 HST in paediatrics. We would like to welcome to our region Anna Sanders and Angela Kremmyda who have taken substantive post at Russell's Hall and Royal Shrewsbury respectively.

Dr Rachel Webster, regional 'grade B' representative, continues to provide tutorials for those preparing for the part 1.

MRCPath successes

Dr Kirsty Gordon - Heartlands	MRCPath (theory)
Dr Daniel Herrera - BCH	MRCPath (theory)
Miss Joanne Heynes - Heartlands	MRCPath (theory)
Miss Hazel Hutton - North Staffordshire	MRCPath (theory)
Dr Lynette Shakespeare (ex West Midlands)	MRCPath (theory)
Ms Catherine Wood - George Eliot	MRCPath (theory)
Dr Sadie Marsh - UHB	DipRCPath
Mr Pervaz Mohammed - City	DipRCPath
Dr Deon Coley-Grant - City	DipRCPath
Dr Rachel Webster - BCH	MRCPath
Dr Loretta Ford - City	MRCPath

MSc/ WMTC

The MSc has now become a 2 year course from September 2007 with project work being finished within the initial two years and the paediatric secondment due to be undertaken in the 3rd year.

National Trainee Committee Meetings

The national committee met twice in 2007. The main topics discussed were:

- **Workforce Issues for trainees** – The WAC representative presented the current situation at both meetings. The recent data (November 2007) for this highlighted that there would be 17 trainees from the 2004 intake trainees on contract extensions which will impact on the trainees from the 2005 intake. The data shows that nationally 47 jobs will need to be found to accommodate all those out of contract in September 2008. There have been some extensions to contracts and the issue has been highlighted at a national level in the ACB news. As a result more jobs being advertised but there are still more trainees than jobs!

- **Career Breaks** - The FCS has produced guidance for those who have a break from the NHS. All trainees were informed about this document.
- **Practical Exam Questionnaire** – Following on from the questionnaire the trainees committee has made a recommendation that there is more practical teaching as part of some of the ACB national training courses. The feedback from this questionnaire will be available on the trainees' section of the ACB website.
- **Agenda for Change** – The FCS need to be kept up to date with when and what trainees are getting under Agenda for Change. Anyone who has not been matched or/and are having difficulties should contact Catherine Driver or Roberta Goodall.
- **MRCPath part 1 theory** - The first run of the short answer question paper has been completed and feedback to the trainees committee has been taken to the RCPATH. Most felt that short answers are a better way of being assessed but there was concern over ambiguity of questions asked and the amount of space to write answers. Andrew Day has assured the Trainees' Committee that he will write an article for the ACB news.
- **Committee membership** - The ACB trainees committee now has a member from the ACB Clinical Practice section and a trainee representative for Immunologists.

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