

...Welcome to our quarterly eBulletin. Latest news...

Changing F2 posts

The NETFS will not be organising an F2 swap shop for posts starting in Aug 2010. But, all is not lost! If you can find a fellow NETFS trainee who wants your F2 programme – all of it, not single posts - and you want theirs, then you need to tell us via email by the end of April 2010 AT THE LATEST. We'll check that the specialty mix across the two years meets curriculum requirements and if it does, and the local trainers agree, we will probably recommend the swap.



The Synapse website, soon to be fully launched to Foundation Doctors by the London Deanery, will allow you to share news and information, seek advice, view documents and stimulate professional discussion - in short, a good place to get in touch with your fellow trainees, add to the forums and be kept informed of local events and latest policies. Your Postgraduate Centre will shortly be issuing you with your pin and password.

GMC Licensing and Validation

On the 16 November 2009, the GMC introduces the licence to practise. From this date, to be able to practise medicine in the UK all doctors will be required by law to hold both registration and a licence to practise. Current FY1s will automatically receive their license after the 16 Nov 09 from the GMC, FY2s will also receive their licence having been asked by the GMC earlier in the summer to confirm their intention to hold a licence. A new system called revalidation will be introduced that will require doctors to renew their licence to practise periodically. The first revalidations will not happen before 2011. Full details can be found on the [GMC website](#)

Specialty Training-Deferral

MMC have issued guidelines that under certain circumstances, you may defer the start of your training if you have an offer of run-through training. Further details can be found in both the following guides on the **MMC website**: **Gold Guide the Reference Guide for Postgraduate Specialty Training in the UK and Core Training Supplement (2nd Edition- June 2008)**

Reminder

The Mini-PAT Round A closes on the 16th November.

Please remember to start nominating, by sending a ticket request, to a minimum of 12 Mini-PAT assessors based on the following guidance:

- 2 Assessors amongst Consultants/GPs
- 3 Assessors consisting of a mixture of Specialist Trainee, Associate Specialist or Staff Grade
- 5 Assessors consisting of a mixture of Ward Manager, Sister, Senior Staff Nurse, Health Visitor, Midwife

In addition, the rest of the nominated Assessors may include a mixture of FY1, FY2 (maximum 2), Allied Health Professionals or Administrative staff.

A reminder that updated documents, guides and policies for the use of ePortfolio, assessments and supervision can be found under the ePortfolio [Help > Information](#).

PMETB Trainee Survey

The PMETB Survey of Trainee Doctors results for 2008-9 are now available. The survey results provide a UK wide picture of trainees' perceptions of their training and provides PMETB with information to help shape the future of postgraduate medical education and training in the UK.

Coming soon..Careers Fairs

- **2nd & 3rd October 2009 – BMJ Careers Fair** at the Business Design Centre, London. The exhibition is free, seminar registration is £85. This year the **London Deanery** will be offering the first 500 trainees who register for the fair a full reimbursement of the price (on receipt of proof of attendance and a completed evaluation form).

Please read the full ticket and reimbursement details [here](#). The Deanery will also be offering free career **rapid review** sessions to attendees, visit their stand after 10am on the day to receive your 15 mins time slot.

- **12th October 2009** - The KSS School of Medicine is hosting a CMT Recruitment Evening for FY2 Doctors at St. Thomas' Hospital, London. Time 6-8pm. Full details can be found on our [website](#) under latest news.
- **22nd October 2009** - FY2 Careers Evening at the Royal Free Hospital c/o NCTFS. Time 6-9pm. Full details can be found on our [website](#) under latest news.

Coming soon..Trust Events



Saturday 31st October 2009

Practical skills in Emergency Urology- Intensive 1-day practical skills course aimed at all FY and ST doctors. Cost £250. Full details were emailed to you on Tuesday 8th September. Please contact [us](#) should you need another copy



Saturday 21st November 2009

Introduction to specialty training 2009-10 application and recruitment

A one-day workshop focusing on application forms and interviews.

Cost: NETFS F2s: £150 Other F2s: £200

Location: Education Centre, Homerton University Hospital. For further details or to book a place, please contact [Robert Duke](#), Head of Medical Education.

Tasters

Tasters offer the opportunity for you to spend a period of time, usually 2-5 days, in a specialty in which you have not previously worked. These structured programmes are aimed to provide insight into the work of the specialty and which can promote careers reflection. Please contact your Postgraduate Centre for further information.

Director's Diary

If you feel that you are experiencing any difficulties during your Foundation training (personal or professional), it is important that you seek help. You should first seek help at the LEP/Trust level and if you feel they are unable to help, then please contact the Foundation School Manager/Director. Should you wish to see our Director, Dr Michael Glynn, to discuss your difficulties then please contact [Ann Barker](#) who arranges his diary.

And finally

We have received applications for the FY1 School Rep positions and these will be announced shortly.

Congratulations to **FY1 Joanne Evans** who has been appointed Foundation Doctor Advisor to the UKFPO.

If you have an article or event that you would like to feature in the December 09 eBulletin then please [contact us](#).

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