



WessexPOCUS

Wessex POCUS Fellow

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Care Medicine, Respiratory Medicine
and General Internal Medicine**

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Point of Care Ultrasound Fellowship

- New for 2025 – 2 posts, 1 day per week alongside specialist training
- Competitive interview process
- Agreement from (3!) TPDs that it meets curriculum requirements in all 3 training pathways so does not extend training
- Flexible working
- Flexible PDP – agreed in first weeks of starting

Personal Development

Governance

- Review of national governance on POCUS
- Stakeholder engagement within defined scope and authorship of evidence-based governance documentation

Research

- Contribution to innovation in POCUS education
- Preparation and submission of a manuscript describing the “*Wessex method*” for FAMUS education
- Practical experience of the research and peer-review process

Service Delivery

- Wessex positioning itself as a region of excellence for POCUS education
- Leadership in course delivery, including administration, faculty coordination, and industry liaison

Skills

- Continued expansion of advanced POCUS skills during the fellowship
- Progression to FAMUS Abdomen accreditation, building on existing FUSIC Heart and BTS Pleural accreditation

Institutional development

Governance

- Development of regional guidance to support the safe, standardised delivery of POCUS as an emerging clinical technology
- Potential contribution to national governance frameworks in an area with limited published guidance

Research

- Establishes Wessex as a leader in innovation and delivery of POCUS education
- Raises institutional profile, with potential to attract additional public and industry funding to support service development

Service Delivery

- Enhances the quality and accessibility of POCUS education for resident doctors across Wessex
- Raises institutional profile, with potential to attract additional public and industry funding to support service development

Skills

- Increases the number of accredited POCUS practitioners, improving clinical safety and quality of care
- Expands the pool of trained POCUS educators, reducing unsafe and unaccredited practice

Would I recommend this to a colleague:

- **Strongly recommend.**
- Personal impact: work from home (often) facilitating drop off and pick-up. No commute.
- Does not extend CCT
- Professional impact: enabled consultant-level responsibility prior to CCT. Self motivated flexible working on projects of both personal and institutional interest
- Valuable senior interview experience.
- Strengthens consultant interview portfolio.