

Wessex GP School Newsletter

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Welcome from Dr Manjiri Bodhe (Head of School) and Dr Nick Moore (Deputy Head of School)

Welcome to our March edition of the Wessex GP School newsletter. We wanted to update you on what is being offered in Wessex for our Trainers and our Resident Doctors.

It was fantastic to see so many trainers at the Wessex-wide conference in February, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Inductions

We would like to give a warm welcome to all General Practice Registrars that joined us in February, we hope that you were able to attend the recent Welcome to Wessex, GP School Speciality induction the GP IMG Inductions and that you found these insightful. It was lovely to see so many of you attend.

Free early cancer diagnosis webinars

Gateway C, the NHS early cancer diagnosis resource has launched a new series of webinars in partnership with Fourteen Fish, covering a wide range of site-specific cancers. Available live and on-demand -

https://www.gatewayc.org.uk/fourteenfish/?utm_source=leaflet&utm_medium=print&utm_campaign=jan26ffnhseflyer

Hosted by GatewayC's GP Leads and featuring secondary care specialists, these webinars are designed to strengthen your knowledge and confidence in early cancer diagnosis.



Video recording guidance

Following the withdrawal of the Fourteen Fish functionality to store recordings which was introduced when the RCA exam was in place, we have produced new guidance regarding the recording and storage of consultations for training purposes which you can find on our website <https://wessex.hee.nhs.uk/general-practice/gp-training-2/> under The GP Registrars Portfolio heading.

The RCGP have also published their own guidance:

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/mrcgp-exams/wpba/recording-consultation-guidance>

Exams

Our patch teams receive a lot of queries about exam regulations. The RCGP website is an excellent and comprehensive resource, and we will usually signpost any questions to their pages. In practice a lot of issues can be resolved simply by checking their regulations and guidance first. There is also detailed information about the rules and deadlines to apply for reasonable adjustments. The link is [MRCGP exams](#)

FREE SCA webinars

The RCGP is running two SCA webinars which are free to RCGP members. The first is an introduction to the SCA and the second covers some case examples and top tips on supporting Resident Doctors with preparation for the SCA exam. The webinars are on 16th April and 23rd April 2026 at 19:00 via Zoom. They can be booked via the [RCGP website](#).

Providing additional information about reasonable adjustments for the RCGP

As you will be aware, an increasing number of our GP registrars apply for reasonable adjustments when they sit the AKT, SCA or both. In most cases, the RCGP can decide based on the evidence shared by the registrar, but on occasion they require additional information about how these adjustments are being managed in day-to-day practice.

Up until now, this has mean they have contacted the ES asking for a letter to answer the queries they have, which has been time consuming for our trainers.

They have now streamlined the questions they ask, and changed the format to an online form, available on the website here: [Trainers and Educators](#)

Please note this is **NOT** required for all requests for reasonable adjustments, only when further information is required. Where this is the case, the RCGP will specifically request completion of the form.

CQC Issues

As the CQC increases its inspection activity, we know that some practices may receive an adverse outcome. We know this can be an extremely stressful situation. Please reach out to your Patch Associate Dean if you do receive an adverse outcome (“inadequate” rating). We would then set up a supportive discussion to quality assure your training environment. An adverse rating does not automatically mean that Resident Doctors would be removed from a practice, but it is important that it is declared to us so we can understand what issues may be affecting the delivery of training.

Incident reporting

As part of the service level agreement between practices and the lead employer, there is a requirement to notify the lead employer and revalidation team of any incidents of concern relating to a Resident Doctor. This process has recently been refreshed with a revised list of possible incidents. These include the following:

- Deaths thought more likely than not due to problems in care
- Never Events
- Maternity and neonatal incidents meeting Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB) and Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations Special Health Authority (MNSI) criteria
- Child Deaths
- Deaths of persons with Learning Disabilities
- Safeguarding incidents
- Screening programme incidents
- Deaths of patients detailed under MHA or where MCA applies
- Deaths in custody where health care is provided by NHS
- Mental Health and Domestic Homicides

OR any of the following:

- Formal complaints
- Claims (clinical negligence)
- Human resources / professional standards investigations
- Coroner inquests
- Criminal investigations
- GMC referrals that the employer has made or is aware of

For GP Resident Doctors this report is expected to be filled in by the supervising GP, either their ES, CS (or their nominated proxy). The form is attached.

Please be aware that for all complaints and SUI (serious untoward events) the expectation is that the practice will notify the Lead Employer and revalidation team directly of incidents that meet the criteria in this guidance. They must also ensure their patch education team is aware of these incidents.

This is in addition to the usual requirement for issues to be declared on a resident doctor's Form R at ARCP.

Self-assessment declaration for trainers

All trainers should have received the attached letter regarding the changes to a national self-assessment model for trainer re-approval. As for any role, clinical or otherwise, trainers should be prepared to present evidence and discuss this at their annual medical appraisal meeting.

Educator Courses

From April 2026 the GP School england.gp.wx@nhs.net will be administering the Educator courses rather than the PDU team. Keep an eye on the website for course detail and how to book on <https://wessex.hee.nhs.uk/general-practice/gp-educational-supervisors/> the website will be updated in the coming weeks.

We will be running the following courses in 2026/2027:

- Combined Supervisor Course, this is for F2, Clinical Supervisors in practice and in Out of Hours.
- Assessment and Portfolio Masterclass previously named “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”
- And the newly developed Educator Supervisor Course to replace the previous Prospective Trainer Course.

If you have completed the Prospective Trainer course, and were waiting for the New trainer course and you haven't yet been contacted please email england.gp.wx@nhs.net

Less Than Full Time Training

Please be reminded of the process and application windows if you wish to apply for less than full time training. The application window for August 2026 is now open and will close 16 weeks prior to the rotation date on 14/04/2026.

You will be required to speak to your Patch Associate Dean prior to applying and you will be supplied a supporting statement to attach to your application.

Please be advised that due to capacity within the GP training programme applications will be prioritised. You are strongly advised to have collated your evidence for your application in advance and to have followed the correct process to avoid delays.

If you are applying outside of this window under an urgent and exceptional request, you will be required to follow the guidance and email the LTFT Associate Dean to gain prospective email approval prior to applying england.ltft.wx@nhs.net.

You can find guidance and the application on the LTFT webpages:

<https://wessex.hee.nhs.uk/trainee-information/trainee-journey/less-than-full-time-training/>

Thank you

Finally, a huge thank you to all our trainers for the work you do every day supporting our resident doctors who are the future of General Practice. We hope you all enjoy some time to rest and enjoy some spring sunshine over Easter.
