

STFS Information Bulletin – 13 January 2017

STFS publishes this bulletin fortnightly in order to share information about the Foundation Programme. We welcome your input, so if you would like anything included in the next bulletin please email the text and any attachments to communications@stfs.org.uk

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1. F1 doctors only - STFS F2 allocation to 2017-18 programmes

The F2 allocation portal opened to F1s on 9th January. PINs and passwords were sent out last week to registered STFS F1 email addresses. **Have you received yours?** If not, please contact us at F2allocations@hee.nhs.uk

If you have any queries please contact us at F2allocations@hee.nhs.uk but please do also check the [STFS allocations webpage](#) where there is lots of information on the allocation timeline, categorisation of specialties, information of educational balance and links to [trust programme data and post descriptors](#).

2. E-PORTFOLIO

Queries regarding ePortfolio should initially be directed to your local trust-based foundation programme administrators. If local foundation programme administrators are unable to resolve an issue they will escalate it to the [Faculty Support Team](#) at South Thames Foundation School. There are also guidance documents available to download from [our website](#).

3. LTFT COLLEAGUES – message from the LTFT reps - WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

Ahead of the STFS Advisory and Development meeting next week please send us any issues or feedback that you would like to give to the committee specific to your experiences as a less than full time trainee. Issues in the past have included allocation/training/ARCP/local HR issues. Please send feedback to Lesa.Kearney@doctors.org.uk no later than Tuesday 17th January.

4. CAREERS SURVEY

We always value opinions about the [Health Careers website](#) and would like to invite you to take part in the following short survey. We are continuously looking at ways to improve the site and your views will help us to do this and ensure that we are meeting the needs of current and future users.

There are up to 13 quick questions in total, and if you provide your contact details you'll be eligible to enter a free prize draw to receive an Amazon voucher to the value of £25. The survey will close on January 31st 2017. [Follow the link](#) to the survey

5. INSPIRING TRAINEES

As part of Health Education England's primary and community care work, general practice is promoted as a challenging and diverse career option. Research shows that medical trainees consistently cite a particular tutor or mentor as a reason for understanding the various opportunities and subsequently applying for the GP specialty training option. We are very keen to share some of these inspirational stories.

We'd like to keep this request quick and easy. We only need a few details and a brief description. Humour is welcome and we intend to use your responses as part of our campaign work on social media or case studies featured on the GP National Recruitment Office (NRO) website. We know that

many of you are familiar with our campaign Facebook page (thank you to those who are liking the page and sharing posts).

We will ask for approval before any information is published – please email daryl.barrett1@nhs.net We'd like to start using your stories in the run up to the next round of applications in February, so it would be good if we could get some feedback this month.

6. **DYSLEXIA RESEARCH** from Sebastian Shaw, Department of Medical Education, BSMS
There is a shortage of research into the experiences of medical students and junior doctors with dyslexia. We conducted a qualitative study and now wish to quantify our findings using an anonymous online survey. There are no implications for anyone's professional status as a result of taking part. We would be extremely grateful if could take the time to complete this survey if you have dyslexia. The BSMS Research Governance & Ethics Committee has approved this study.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DyslexiaMedEd>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact : s.shaw1@uni.bsms.ac.uk

7. **TRAINING SUPPORT FOR TRAINEES**

Trainees can access support both locally and through other services commissioned by HEE. Please see the [following link](#) for more information.

Section B – Information for foundation faculty

8. **F3 – UPDATE**

Currently, large numbers of doctors completing foundation training are taking an 'F3' year. The South Thames Foundation School sends them a regular alumni careers newsletter to help with future training applications, and this is well received.

We recognise that many local trusts would be keen to attract such doctors to 'out of synch' posts such as education or simulation fellows, with some clinical work. STFS foundation representatives are also keen that their colleagues can readily access information about such opportunities. Should you be interested in filling your posts with an F3 doctor, you can register posts on the website by following the link below - <https://www.stfs.org.uk/form/f3-opportunities>

STFS also receives a number of queries relevant to 'F3' doctors about topics such as GMC requirements if working abroad, and approved practice settings. An FAQs section on the above website provides some of the answers to these queries.

MEETING DATES FOR 2017 – PLEASE HOLD THESE DATES – FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

- **STFS PROGRAMME FAIR 2017**
17th March 2017
- **STFS ADVISORY & DEVELOPMENT FORUMS – GUY'S - 10:00 – 12:00**
Weds 18th January 2017
Thurs 4th May 2017
- **FOUNDATION E-PORTFOLIO USER GROUP –STEWART HOUSE – 10.30-12.30**
28th February 2017
18th May 2017
5th October 2017
- **STFS FP ADMINISTRATORS FORUM – STEWART HOUSE – 14:00-16:00 – 10.30-12.30**
28th February 2017
18th May 2017

5th October 2017

9. LaSE FOUNDATION CONFERENCE 2017 (replaces STFS faculty briefing) Friday 10 February 2017.

The conference is open to Directors of Medical Education, Foundation Training Programme Directors, Postgraduate Centre staff, Foundation School staff and Foundation Doctor Representatives across all trusts affiliated to the North and South Thames Foundation Schools.

[Registration is now open](#) now so please **register by Friday 27th January 2017** to secure your place. The venue is DoubleTree by Hilton – Tower of London, full programme details will be available closer to the date.

10. THE NATIONAL HORUS TRAINING FOR FOUNDATION POST GRADUATE ADMIN STAFF

Takes place across 4 consecutive half day sessions between the **13th & 14th of March 2017**. This will most likely be in a central London location so STFS kindly request you save these dates until arrangements are finalised and booking information can be issued. Please note that STFS will be arranging further training for other staff members shortly. For more Information please contact STFS_fst@stfs.org.uk

11. ePORTFOLIO

STFS has been advised by the UKFPO of an error with regards to the TAB forms. If a trainee has completed a TAB and has met the required number of completing the TAB assessment Foundation Administrators need to change this manually from 'Incomplete' to 'Complete'. For further information on required number of tab assessments please consult the [Foundation Curriculum](#).

12. ASSOCIATE POSTGRAD DEAN – ACADEMIC TRAINING VACANCY

An exciting opportunity has arisen to shape academic training developments across Kent, Surrey and Sussex. The Associate Postgraduate Dean-Academic Training-post has been established to undertake a key role with lead responsibility for the promotion of all clinical aspects of academic training with HEE stakeholders, with an emphasis on our regions sole university medical school Brighton and Sussex medical School (BSMS), as well as other agreed Associate Postgraduate Dean roles and responsibilities. For further details / informal visits contact: Jane Chopping, Executive Assistant to Professor Graeme Dewhurst, Postgraduate Dean, Health Education England, Kent, Surrey and Sussex Local Office. jchopping@kss.hee.nhs.uk

Section C - Conference/events/courses

13. SELECTION CENTRE TRAINING VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE

HEE in conjunction with AGCAS, have produced a number of selection centre preparation videos for doctors in training. The videos provide a series of practical and informative examples to help trainees prepare for speciality selection centres. If you are a trainee about to attend a selection centre, we strongly recommend you take a look at these videos as they will help to increase your chances of being successful.

For more information on where to access the training videos please contact your trust's postgraduate education centre direct. If your Trust is still waiting to upload the training videos, then please contact the London and South East Professional Development team for further support: careers@kss.hee.nhs.uk

14. TRAINING SUPPORT FOR YOUR TRAINERS

Trainers can access support both locally and through other services commissioned by HEE. Please see the [following link](#) for more information.

A summary of all courses and conferences are available [here](#) and are updated on a regular basis. Please note that the publicising of courses and events via this bulletin does not imply endorsement by STFS.

A [summary of key dates](#) and a [summary of examples of notable practice](#) within STFS affiliated trusts is available on our website. Please forward any additional examples to curriculum@stfs.org.uk.

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