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Section A – Information for foundation doctors  
1. **FAO F1s: F2 2016/17 PROGRAMME ALLOCATION**  
   
   Access to the system – You may have experienced problems accessing the F2 allocation system. This issue is being looked into and will hopefully be resolved very shortly. We will email you all once this has been resolved. In the meantime, you can find the F2 programme data for your allocated F2 Trust on the STFS website http://www.stfs.org.uk/affiliated-trusts.  

   **Deadline extended** – Due to the technical issues, we have extended the deadline for submitting your application to **11:59pm on Monday 8th February**.  

   **Educational Balance and specialty classifications** – We have added guidance on educational balance to the F2 allocations website, including a document showing the specialty classifications. Both can be found here: http://www.stfs.org.uk/doctor/f2-allocation-process.  

   If you have any questions contact f2allocations@stfs.org.uk.  

2. **PAN-THAMES ACADEMIC TEACHING – 2 FEBRUARY 2016 (F2 ACADEMIC FOUNDATION DOCTORS ONLY) - TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2016**  
   
   The next pan-Thames academic teaching session will take place on Tuesday 2 February 2016 (15:00 – 17:45) at Gordon Room, Senate House, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU. Talks will be “Data collection: audit versus research” and “Writing a case report”.  

3. **2015 NATIONAL CAREER DESTINATION REPORT**  
   The sixth national F2 Career Destination Report produced by the UK Foundation Programme Office using data collated from a UK-wide survey of outgoing F2 doctors is available here. It describes the career destinations of F2 doctors who completed their foundation training in August 2015. These doctors typically graduated from medical schools in 2013.  

4. **STFS CAREERS SERVICE UPDATES**  
   The STFS Careers service has chosen some recent news articles that may be of interest:  
   - **Selecting the right postgraduate course in medical education** - Learning how to teach will not only set doctors apart from other candidates but is a skill that will serve them throughout their career, say Rashpal Ghataoura and Vikas Acharya.  
   - **Trainees in difficulty – or a system in difficulty?** - Diana Milbank and colleagues look at the common issues that junior doctors raise with therapists and offer advice on how these doctors can be supported.  
   - **Diary of an FY1 – Nightshift** - When I sent off my medical school application six years ago, I had never really understood what it meant to be a doctor...  
   - **Why more GPs should become involved in humanitarian work** - Medical roles in large humanitarian organisations are often limited to hospital specialists, which is disheartening for general practitioners who wish to help.
• **Junior doctors: tapping into leadership talent** - Developing medical leadership is of growing national interest in the NHS. However, with a chronic shortage of good leaders, establishing strong medical leadership remains one of the greatest challenges facing healthcare organisations and is exacerbated by the lack of a systematic approach to both leadership development and talent management.

5. **SPEND A WEEK’S WORK EXPERIENCE AT BMJ**
   In April 2016, doctors from STFS can spend a week at BMJ. You'll spend the week working in our product development department and alongside the editorial team on The BMJ journal.

   To sign up:
   • Pick a first and second choice out of these weeks - 4, 11, 18, 25 April 2016
   • Then email your choices to Jonathan Black at BMJ: jblack@bmj.com. He’ll get back to you to confirm.
   • There is no application process other than signing up. There are no criteria for eligibility other than being an STFS junior doctor who can fit the week into their diary.
   • You will be working at BMA House, near Euston in London. If you are normally based outside London, you will need to arrange travel and accommodation yourself.
   • If you have any questions, email Jonathan Black: jblack@bmj.com

Section B – Information for foundation faculty

   STFS will hold its annual foundation faculty briefing on Tuesday 23 February 2016 between 09:30-16:00 in the Robens Suite, Guy’s Hospital. The draft programme for the day is available [here](#). To register to attend complete the [registration form](#) by Friday 5 February 2016.

7. **2015 NATIONAL CAREER DESTINATION REPORT**
   Please see item 3 above.

Section C - Conference/events/courses

8. **MANAGING RISK IN MENTAL HEALTH SIMULATION COURSES – 27 JANUARY 2016**
   For further information and to register for a course [click here](#).

9. **A PRACTICAL INTRODUCTION TO INTENSIVE CARE – 20 FEBRUARY 2016**
   This is a one day course aimed at doctors with little or no ITU/HDU experience e.g. FY1s, FY2s, covering a wide range of topics. The day combines small group workshops as well as lectures. For further information [click here](#) or to book online [click here](#).

A summary of courses which may be of interest to foundation doctors is available at [http://www.stfs.org.uk/coursesconferences](http://www.stfs.org.uk/coursesconferences)

A summary of all updates to the STFS website is available at [http://www.stfs.org.uk/stfs-pages-updated](http://www.stfs.org.uk/stfs-pages-updated)

A summary of examples of notable practice within STFS affiliated trusts is available at [http://www.stfs.org.uk/faculty/notable-practice](http://www.stfs.org.uk/faculty/notable-practice). Please forward any additional examples to curriculum@stfs.org.uk.

A summary of key dates can be found at [http://www.stfs.org.uk/key-dates](http://www.stfs.org.uk/key-dates)
Please note that the publicising of courses and events in this bulletin does not imply endorsement by STFS.
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