

STFS Information Bulletin – 27 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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Section A – Information for foundation doctors

- **F2 2017/18 Programme Allocation UPDATE**

27th February – F1s will be informed of their allocated F2 programme

27th February to 20th March – Registration is open for the Swap Shop

You can find details of the Swap Shop process and the full allocation timeline on the [STFS website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact F2Allocations@hee.nhs.uk.

- **CAREERS - SELECTION CENTRE TRAINING VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE**

HEE in conjunction with AGCAS, have produced a number of videos for doctors in training to help 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 to increase your chances of being successful.

For more information on where to access the videos please contact your postgraduate education centre. 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

- **CAREERS WEBINARS**

The STFS careers service has identified the following webinars which will be relevant to trainee doctors making critical decisions about the next steps in your career. All you need to do is to 'click' on this [link](#), select the webinar(s) you would like to attend and complete the registration form.

- **1 March 2017 Career Planning for Foundation Doctors**
- **22 March 2017 Clinical/Academic Pathways**

- **HEALTH CAREERS WEBSITE**

We value YOUR opinions about the [Health Careers website](#) and invite you to take part in the following short survey. 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 this link](#) to the survey

- **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.

- **TRAINING SUPPORT FOR TRAINEES**

Trainees can access support both locally and through other services commissioned by HEE.

Please follow this [link](#) for more information.

- **GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL (GMC) PUBLISH CONFIDENTIALITY GUIDANCE**

Following consultation, the GMC have published revised guidance on confidentiality for doctors. Revisions include clarification on various issues, such as public protection responsibilities of doctors and the importance of sharing information for direct care.

[Read more here](#)

Section B – Information for foundation faculty

- **STFS NEW TEAM STRUCTURE**

Following the HEE Integration between KSS and London, the South Thames Foundation School has a new admin team structure and will now be cross working with colleagues in the North West London Foundation School (NWL). The team structure has been updated on the STFS website under "[Who's Who in STFS.](#)"

New email addresses have been established for the integrated teams and the old email addresses will be set to auto forward. We will circulate these in a future bulletin.

- **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

The presentation on the Horus e-Portfolio update from Kata Varnai can be found [here](#).

If you wish to provide feedback, please use the HEE e-portfolio trainee user [survey](#).

- **F3 YEAR**

We recognise that many local trusts would be keen to attract post-F2 doctors to 'out of synch' posts such as education or simulation fellows, with some clinical work. Should you be interested in filling your posts with an F3 doctor, you can register posts on the website by following [this link](#).

- **MEETING DATES FOR 2017 –**

Please hold these dates in your diaries:

- **STFS PROGRAMME FAIR 2017 – UPDATE TO FOLLOW SOON**
17th March 2017
- **STFS ADVISORY & DEVELOPMENT FORUMS – GUY'S - 10:00 – 12:00**
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
- **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.

- **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.

Section C - Conference/events/courses

- **SPEND A TASTER WEEK AT BMJ**

Once again the BMJ, are offering taster sessions at Tavistock Square, London. You'll spend the week: giving feedback on BMJ content, helping shape product development, attending meetings with BMJ's editorial team. All junior doctors are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, pick a first and second choice out of the weeks below and then email your choices to the BMJ via colab@bmj.com.

- 6, 13, 20, 27 February
- 6, 13, 20, 27 March
- 3, 10, 17, 24 April

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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