

STFS Alumni Newsletter October 2016

Dear Colleagues

We are contacting our F2 alumni to keep you up to date with specialty recruitment application timelines, and provide information to help you prepare for your application and the selection centre itself.

Recruitment timetable:

The full timetable is due to be announced in October 2016. The main application window opens on 9th November 2016 and close at 4pm on 1st December 2016 (note these dates may change, so in the next few weeks do check the [HEE specialty recruitment website](#)).

The academic recruitment window opened on the 10th October 2016 and closes on the 7th November 2016. You can also check these on the [NIHR website](#) and applications are now open on [Oriel](#).

Interviews for the main recruitment round will be held from early January 2017, and will continue into February 2017. Interviews for the academic ACF round are likely to be before Christmas.

Specialty application webinars:

The HEE London and South East Careers Service is running a series of 3 x 30 min evening webinars covering all aspects of the specialty recruitment and selection process. They will run from 7pm – 7.30pm (GMT)

The dates of the webinars are:

- **Monday 24th October 2016 @ 7pm -7.30pm - Making Specialty Applications – what you need to know**
- **Wednesday 2nd November 2016 @ 7pm -7.30pm - How to be successful at Specialty Selection (excluding GP)**
- **Thursday 3rd November 2016 @ 7pm -7.30pm - How to be successful at GP Selection**

Details and a link to book are on the LMDE website [link](#)

Finally, if you miss the webinars, you can access the recordings of past ones. Information on this is also on the link above.

Think GP campaign

As part of a [Think GP campaign](#), the Royal College of General Practitioners has published a new video to show what life as a GP is like.

The [Think GP video](#) showcases the working lives of four GPs working in a variety of different settings, including one who works on the Isle of Arran and another working in a prison.

The video also shows GPs with portfolio careers, including one with a special interest in neurology, and an academic GP.

General practice has much to offer, providing many opportunities in a range of different settings to develop your skills. With more GPs needed in the NHS, it is a perfect time to choose general practice as your career, offering more opportunities than you might think. Find out more about pursuing a [career as a GP](#) or [academic GP training](#).

Would you like to find out more about a career as a GP in England?

Contact the team at HEE.GPRecruitment@nhs.net They will put you in touch with a GP who can tell you more about the opportunities and the realities of the challenges it offers.

Planning your return to the UK

If you are overseas the Health Careers website has a section on [planning your return to the UK](#).

I hope you find the above information useful. We plan to contact you from time to time throughout the year with careers information and welcome feedback.

If you have any feedback on this newsletter, including any additional information that it would be helpful to include in future editions, or no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please email careers@kss.hee.nhs.uk

Kind regards,

***The STFS careers service.
London and South East Professional Development team***