Wessex Medical Education Associate (MEA)

Health Education England (Wessex) prides itself on its strong educational ethos with multiple avenues for personal development in the form of courses, training roles and committees. The Medical Education Fellow (MEF) role for registrar-grade trainees is well established but a route for post-CCT MEFs wishing to maintain close contact with HEE Wessex has only recently been developed (June 2016). This is known as the Medical Education Associate role.

**Essential Criteria for Wessex MEA**
- Demonstration of ongoing education commitments above and beyond the standard
- Interest in continuing to be involved in and support HEE Wessex activities
- Commit to attending at least one MEA meeting per year
- Commit to ongoing MEA appraisal (annual)

**Desirable Criteria for Wessex MEA**
- Current or ex-MEF within the last year (or equivalent experience)
- Completed training to CCT level
- Permanent job in the Wessex region (or locum post with expectation of staying in Wessex long-term)

The MEA group currently has 6 members (July 2017). MEA meetings take the form of an ‘action learning set’ where experiences, challenges and solutions are shared. Invited speakers contribute to the development of a skilled learning network. Meetings are open to interested MEFs within 6 months of CCT.

The MEA group aims to provide a member to attend each MEF meeting (approx. 3 per year) plus members continue to be involved in the Wessex MEF conference and other appropriate HEE Wessex activities. An annual appraisal with recertification is coordinated by the lead MEF with support from Dr. Rosie Luszat (Associate Dean).

Anyone interested in becoming an MEA should contact philip.rushton@hee.nhs.uk and include a copy of their CV.