Training Programme Information for Posts in Paediatric Cardiology at ST4 Level

Recruitment 2014

This document has details of all of the training programmes in the UK/Eire/Scotland areas.

Entry requirements for all placements are in line with the Modernising Medical Careers Person specification which can be found on the MMC website: http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/ and the Applicant Guide.

Details of the full curriculum for Paediatric Cardiology can be found on the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) website: http://www.jrcptb.org.uk/

Further details will be available from your new employing organisation once you have accepted an offer of a post.

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The Northern Deanery

The Northern Deanery operates across a wide and geographically varied area covering Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, North Cumbria, County Durham and Tees Valley. We work with 11 acute trusts (which includes two specialist trusts providing mental health and learning disabilities services), 13 primary care trusts, 196 general practice training practices and 60 general dental training practices.

In the recent GMC 2012 National Trainee Survey, the Northern Deanery scored top in the following:

- Overall trainee satisfaction - highest scoring deanery in England, Wales & Northern Ireland for the second year running
- Clinical supervision - highest score in the whole of the UK
- Educational supervision - highest score in the whole of the UK
- Induction - highest score in the whole of the UK
- Feedback - highest score in the whole of the UK
- Adequate experience - highest in England, Wales & Northern Ireland

To find out more information about what it is like to ‘Live and Train’ in the Northern Deanery you can visit our website www.liveandtrain.nhs.uk

Rotation Information

The Paediatric Cardiology rotation is based entirely at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Trust Generic/Specialty Information

The Regional Cardiothoracic Centre is based at Freeman Hospital, providing a service to the former Northern Region - a population of 3.1 million. Extra-regional referrals are commonly received for transplantation, ECMO, electrophysiology and cardiac surgery.

The department of paediatric cardiology provides all aspects of care for paediatric and congenital heart disease, including specialist services in interventional cardiology, fetal cardiology, invasive electrophysiology, transplantation, adult congenital heart disease and ECMO.

There are six diagnostic catheterisation laboratories within the main theatre suite and one is specifically designed for paediatric patients. The theatre suite consists of four operating rooms and there are two cardiac surgeons actively involved in the surgery of congenital heart disease.
Staffing at the unit is currently as follows;

5 consultants
3 specialist registrars in paediatric cardiology
1 rotating specialist registrar (paediatrics)
1 registrar in respiratory paediatrics
3 PICU fellows
6 paediatric senior house officers

Teaching

There are regular undergraduate and postgraduate teaching sessions. The former takes place on the ward and in the outpatient clinic and the latter is part of a regular MRCP Course run by the Department of Child Health.
Severn Trust
- University Hospitals Bristol
- University Hospital Wales, Cardiff

Locations
- Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
- St. Michael’s Hospital, Bristol
- Bristol Heart Institute and Bristol Royal Infirmary
- University Hospital Wales, Cardiff

Anticipated Duration of Programme
- 5 years

Standard Rotation
- 6-12 months in Cardiff in year 1 or year 2

Information Regarding each Trust/Hospital on Training Programme

There are 5 National Training Posts in Paediatric Cardiology in the South West and South Wales Training Programme. Currently, there is an additional, separately funded, non-recurring Academic Lecturer who takes part in the on call rota in addition to two general NTN paediatricians with an interest in cardiology. There are additional three junior trainees (F2 or ST1-3) who support the workload of the middle grade trainees.

Eligible trainees need to have completed ST1-3 Paediatric Training or ST1-2 Core Medical Training supplemented by achievement of ST1 Paediatric Competencies (usually 6 months of general paediatrics and 6 months of neonates). Trainees coming from CMT might be considered at ST 3 level but those trainees would need to undertake a year of paediatric training to achieve ST1 competencies before commencing Paediatric Cardiology training at ST4 level.

The majority of the training is undertaken at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children where the surgical and interventional catheter services are based. During year 1 or 2 (ST4 or ST5) a period of 6 -12 months will be spent on rotation in Cardiff.

Trainees will follow the 2010 Paediatric Cardiology Curriculum which is available on the JRCPTB website. Special Interest training is offered at ST7 and ST8 level and training in the following special interest areas is available within the training programme:

- Diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac catheterisation
- Electrophysiology, ablation and pacing
- Adult congenital heart disease
- Advanced echocardiography
- Advanced cardiac imaging (CT and MRI)
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Fetal cardiology
Training in transplantation cardiology is not available as there is no transplant service within the region.

**Bristol Royal Hospital for Children**

The paediatric surgical service is based here and last year over 400 paediatric cardiac surgical operations were undertaken in the centre. There are 3 congenital cardiac surgeons, 5 cardiac anaesthetists and 5 further paediatric intensivists who form the surgical and postoperative care team. A full range of procedures is undertaken including Norwood palliation of hypoplastic left heart syndrome. The Paediatric Intensive Care unit has 16 beds and 50% of children on PICU will be cardiac patients. There is a 6 bedded cardiac High Dependency Unit (HDU) together with a dedicated 16 bedded paediatric cardiac ward. The paediatric cardiology trainees are closely involved with the post-operative care of the cardiac children and there is separate PICU middle grade cover so paediatric cardiology trainees do not look after non-cardiac patients.

There are 7 Paediatric Cardiology Consultants with the following special interest areas and three cardiac surgeons:

- Dr Beverly Tsai-Goodman – Training Program Director, Medical Education (undergraduate and postgraduate), Fetal cardiology, Barth Syndrome, Cardiac MRI
- Dr Alison Hayes – Clinical Lead, Advanced echocardiography
- Dr Robin Martin - Catheter intervention, Adult congenital heart disease, Arrhythmias and pacing
- Dr Andrew Tometzki - Catheter intervention, Adult congenital heart disease
- Dr Graham Stuart - Paediatric electrophysiology, Ablation and pacing, adult congenital heart disease, Inherited cardiac conditions.
- Dr Mark Walsh - Paediatric electrophysiology, Ablation and pacing, Inherited cardiac conditions, ECMO lead
- Dr Robert Tulloh - Pulmonary hypertension, Kawasaki disease
- Dr Jonathan Forsey - Advanced echocardiography, Fetal Cardiology
- Professor Massimo Caputo - Adult and children with CHD, large research portfolio
- Mr Andrew Parry - Lead surgeon
- Mr Serbhan Stoica - Adult and children with CHD

In addition to the cardiology trainees, there are two paediatric trainee and a paediatric cardiac fellow involved in the acute 1:8 hybrid partial shift rota covering the busy cardiac ward, cardiac HDU and cardiac patients on PICU. They are also involved with routine ward care, acute services in addition to a busy outpatient service.

Advanced cardiac imaging (MRI and CT) training is also offered by Dr Mark Hamilton and Dr Nathan Mangat, Consultant Cardiac Radiologists based at BHI and BRI. In addition there is active clinical and research work available through the CRIC centre, headed by Dr Chiara Buccarelli-Ducci.
There are approximately 650 catheter based procedures per year across the paediatric and adult congenital services (400 interventions and approximately 100 electrical procedures).

**Bristol Heart Institute**

The adult congenital service is based here and there are 100+ operations undertaken per year and an active catheter intervention programme (200 + catheter procedures per year). The following cardiologists are involved with the adult service and cover the following special interest areas:

- Dr Mark Turner - Catheter intervention and some adult acquired intervention (TAVI)
- Dr Stephanie Curtis - Advanced echocardiography, pregnancy cardiology
- Dr Graham Stuart - As above for BRHC
- Dr Robin Martin - As above for BRHC
- Dr Andrew Tometzki - As above for BRHC

**University Hospital Wales, Cardiff**

There is an active paediatric cardiology service based in Cardiff at the University Hospital of Wales. And this service is merged with the service in Bristol. Surgery and catheter procedures for children from South Wales are undertaken in Bristol but there is a busy outpatient service, fetal cardiology service and smaller inpatient service in Cardiff. There are four paediatric cardiologists based in Cardiff who offer good general paediatric cardiology training with most special interest training being offered in Bristol:

- Dr Dirk Wilson
- Dr Orhan Uzun
- Dr Victor Ofoe
- Dr Alan Pateman

Trainees are encouraged to undertake a period in research and overseas out of programme training is encouraged later in the programme (ST7 level). Further information regarding training can be obtained by visiting the [Severn School of Medicine](#).
Wessex

The Wessex Deanery covers a geographical area from Basingstoke in North Hampshire to Dorchester in West Dorset and the Isle of Wight to the South; in addition some programmes rotate to Jersey and Chichester in West Sussex. This is a spread of approximately 65 miles North to South and 76 miles East to West. The Wessex Deanery serves a population of around 2.8 million people.

The Wessex Deanery is part of NHS South of England, comprising South Central, South East Coast and South West Strategic Health Authorities. The Wessex Deanery currently covers the health communities of South Wiltshire, Dorset, and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Wessex Deanery is responsible for the training of some 2,500 trainees.

Study and Training

The primary aim of all posts is the training programme developed and there is a region wide syllabus and minimum standards of education agreed by all Trusts within the rotation.

The Deanery is committed to developing postgraduate training programmes as laid down by GMC, Colleges and Faculties and by COPMED - the Postgraduate Deans Network. At local level college/specialty tutors work with the Programme Director and Directors of Medical Education in supervising these programmes. Trainees will be expected to take part in these programmes (including audit) and to attend meetings with their nominated educational supervisor.

All posts within the training programme are recognised for postgraduate training by the General Medical Council (GMC) in accordance with their standards for training.

Study leave is granted in accordance with Deanery/Trust policy and are subject to the maintenance of the service.

All posts have a service element and the following covers the majority of duties. There will be minor variations in different hospitals but the list is aimed at covering the majority of duties:

1. Supervise, monitor and assist the House Officer (F1) in the day-to-day management of in-patients in posts with an attached F1.
2. Liaise between nurses, F1 and F2 Doctors, patients, relatives and senior medical staff.
3. Attend and participate in ward rounds as timetabled
4. Attend outpatient clinics.
5. Take part in rostered emergency work.
6. Dictate discharge summaries.
7. Study for higher examination and maintain continued professional development.
8. Attend weekly educational and multidisciplinary sessions.
9. Undertake audit at various times throughout the rotations.
10. Teach medical students as directed.
11. Co-operate with members of the personnel department when monitoring hours of work and other personnel issues.
12. Attend induction in each hospital or new department
13. Comply with all local policies including dress code, annual and study leave

Trust Generic/Specialty Information

Specialist Registrar in Paediatric Cardiology
Congenital Heart Disease Unit
Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust

The Southampton University Hospitals Paediatric and Adult Congenital Heart Disease Unit currently serves a population of approximately 5 million people living in the counties of Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire, West Sussex, Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, the Channel Isles, the Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Surrey and West Sussex. British forces families stationed abroad are also referred to the unit. Occasionally patients with special problems are referred from even further afield including Scotland and Eire.

Integrated cardiac and cardiac surgical services are provided for all age groups and the centre is recognised for training in Paediatric Cardiology and Adult Congenital Heart Disease. It is one of the major centres for fetal, paediatric and adult congenital heart disease. Congenital heart disease surgery has been undertaken in Southampton for more than 35 years and there are consequently large numbers of adult patients with congenital lesions undergoing follow-up.

Facilities

The cardiac unit is an integrated facility situated on D and E level of the Southampton General Hospital and comprises 119 adult cardiology / cardiac surgical beds and a modernised children’s ward comprising 16 paediatric cardiology beds including high care facilities and a teenagers room. The paediatric cardiology ward is currently being expanded to accommodate the increased workload created by the national reconfiguration of paediatric cardiac surgical services.

Facilities are provided for mothers to be resident with their children on the paediatric cardiology ward. There is a house adjacent to the hospital where relatives of cardiothoracic unit in-patients can stay. This facility has been provided by the charity ‘Heartbeat’ which works to support the activities of the cardiac unit.

It is planned to establish a new young adult area adjacent to the paediatric cardiac unit. This will result in patients of all ages with congenital heart disease being in adjacent areas further developing our theme of ‘integrated care’ within the unit.
Investigations:

There is a purpose built non-invasive cardiac unit with transthoracic and transoesophageal echo, exercise testing, ambulatory ECG and blood pressure monitoring, transtelephonic ECG, tilt testing, pacemaker and implantable defibrillator programming facilities. The congenital heart disease service has 5 modern cardiac ultrasound machines with speckle tracking and 3D echo facilities. There is a dedicated echocardiography room on the children’s cardiology ward.

There are four modern, fully equipped, digital Cardiac Catheterisation rooms, with quantitative angiography facilities. One lab is equipped for electrophysiology and ablation procedures. All rooms have computerised haemodynamic measurement equipment.

The department of cardiothoracic radiology, staffed by 3 consultant cardiothoracic radiologists, is located in close proximity to the non-invasive facilities and to the catheter laboratories. The department provides a 24 hour service for the whole range of cardiac radiological imaging including magnetic resonance imaging and helical CT.

The paediatric cardiac patients are cared for in a purpose-built 16 bedded ‘level 3’ paediatric intensive care unit. On average five of these are used for paediatric cardiac surgery but this is flexible and varies according to demand. There are four cardiothoracic operating theatres one of which is used for congenital heart operations.

The paediatric cardiology and paediatric cardiac surgical clinics are held in a dedicated Children’s Outpatients department. Transition clinics are also held. Southampton general hospital is a fully functional Regional/Supra-regional University centre for both paediatric and adult medicine. There is close liaison with adult cardiology, cardiac surgery, and paediatrics (including the full range of regional specialist paediatric services). Fetal medicine with fetal cardiology, obstetrics, genetics and neonatology are located in the adjacent Princess Anne Hospital immediately opposite SGH.

We have 2 Adult Congenital Heart Disease Liaison Nurses (1.4 WTE) and 2 Paediatric Cardiac Nurse Specialists (1.6 WTE). We also have an EP Specialist Nurse who is involved with the children and adult congenital patients with arrhythmias.

The paediatric cardiology services at Southampton were awarded the second highest score in the assessment of all the national centres carried out by Sir Ian Kennedy’s panel in 2010.

Research

The cardiothoracic unit encourages and promotes research activity within the department. Increasingly members of the Directorate are forming links with the Research Divisions of the Southampton University School of Medicine. Over 100 publications in peer reviewed international journals have been
published by members of the cardiothoracic unit in the last 3 years. Previous trainees have been successful in achieving a number of publications during their time here. On the Southampton University Hospital site, there is an extensive range of research facilities including the Medical Research Council and Wellcome Research Units.

**Staff**
6 Consultant Paediatric Cardiologists
3 Consultant Paediatric & Adult Congenital Cardiac Surgeons
3 Specialist Registrars in Paediatric Cardiology
2 Rotating Specialist Registrars in Paediatrics
3 Fellows in Paediatric Cardiology
4 Senior House Officers in Paediatric Cardiology

3 Consultant Adult Congenital Cardiologists
1 Specialist Registrar in Adult Congenital Heart Disease
1 Senior House Officer in Adult Congenital Heart Disease

**Activity of the Unit**

About 350 operations are performed each year, in children with congenital heart disease and this number is expected to increase to over 400 following national reconfiguration. Between 80-100 adults with congenital heart disease undergo surgery in the department. One of the strengths of this unit is the availability of carefully audited surgical results that compare favourably with anywhere in the world.

Specialty statistics (approximate figures per annum)

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**Duties of the Post:**

No previous experience in Paediatric Cardiology is expected and the Specialist Registrar will be trained in all aspects of congenital heart disease. He, or she, will have responsibility for the care of neonatal, infant, paediatric, adolescent and adult (with congenital heart disease), patients undergoing cardiac investigation and treatment and for the medical aspects of those patients returning from cardiac surgery.

Duties will include out-patient clinic work in Southampton and the Specialist Registrar may assist in the running of the peripheral clinic programme.

Ward duties will include assessment of day cases and ward attenders, care of in-patients on the wards, the paediatric and cardiothoracic intensive care units.
and some patients on the general paediatric, paediatric surgical wards and regional neonatal intensive care unit. The Specialist Registrar will be involved in the management of fetuses with congenital cardiac problems or cardiac arrhythmias.

Contribution to the clinical audit programmes and practice monitoring such as CCAD data collection, fetal diagnosis and outcome data collection, morbidity and mortality data analysis will form part of the trainee’s duties. The trainee is also expected to develop a keen interest in research.

**Training facilities:**

The Specialist Registrar will undergo training in transthoracic and transoesophageal echocardiography and Doppler studies. He/she will supervise stress testing, tilt testing and ambulatory monitoring. Excellent opportunities are available for exposure to all aspects of Paediatric Cardiology including advanced subspecialty training in transoesophageal and 3D echocardiography, fetal echocardiography, cardiac MRI imaging, interventional catheterisation, pacemaker and AICD management and electrophysiology. Training will be organised in accordance with the new curriculum.

**Teaching:**

The quality of teaching provided is a special strength of this training programme. There is a regular weekly teaching programme consisting of consultant delivered teaching, case presentations, journal clubs and echo review meetings. The Specialist Registrar will also present cases at the joint paediatric cardiology/cardiac surgery/cardiac radiology conference held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Regular joint educational meetings are held with the paediatricians as well as with the adult cardiologists and cardiac surgeons.

The trainee will be required to maintain a training record and complete the required assessments to confirm the satisfactory fulfilment of the required experience, and the acquisition of the competencies enumerated in the specialty curriculum.

He/she will take a lead role in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and also be involved in nurse teaching.

Applicants requiring further information may contact Dr James Gnanapragasam, Programme Director, Paediatric Cardiology on 023 80796243. Applicants are welcome to visit the department to view the facilities available and the working environment and also to get a first-hand account of the teaching and training programme from the current trainees.
West of Scotland

Preamble

Training in paediatric cardiology is motivationally demanding and frequently requires re-location within the United Kingdom, if not further afield. Candidates considering a career in paediatric cardiology should not embark on this without careful reflection. The importance of seeking the advice of both consultants and those training in the field cannot be over-emphasised. This brief prospectus does not endeavor to provide a comprehensive account of all aspects of training in paediatric cardiology in Scotland, nor should it. Potential candidates are strongly advised to contact the Training Program Director (details below) at the various units they are considering applying to, pending successful interview, and not to compare units simply on written information.

The Training Centre

The National Paediatric Cardiac Centre, based in Glasgow at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, provides the only training scheme for paediatric cardiology in Scotland. Its catchment population is 5.2 million. The unit did not fall under the auspices of the previous Safe and Sustainable Review, nor subsequent bodies considering the configuration of congenital cardiac services in the United Kingdom. However, it voluntarily underwent reviews in 2011 by the Safe and Sustainable body, and 2013 by the Scottish government, in order to assure standards are comparable with other UK centers.

The unit undertakes all paediatric cardiac surgery and intervention in Scotland, this being over 300 cardiac surgical procedures and over 220 catheter intervention or electrophysiology cases annually. All paediatric cardiac procedures other than transplantation are represented in Glasgow. There is a highly developed paediatric ECMO service and an active research program in association with the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde. Cardiology patients are accommodated purely on Ward 5A, other than the neonatal and intensive care units. The paediatric intensive care unit consists of 16 ventilated beds, with an additional 8 high dependency beds. The hospital A&E is the only dedicated paediatric A&E in the West of Scotland, ensuring a steady flow of previously-undiagnosed cases. Outpatient services are provided both at Yorkhill and at 10 regional centers. The Cardiac Services department is staffed by five cardiologists with approval for a sixth appointment, and three congenital surgeons. A further two cardiologists maintain a predominantly outpatient-based service in Edinburgh. Two adult congenital cardiologists provide the ACHD arm of the service at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital, at which surgery and intervention are commissioned. The team also includes 10 physiologists and five liaison nurses.

Unit patient activity includes four all-day operating sessions, two all-day catheterisation sessions, with an extra weekly session shared between the two. There is a weekly electrophysiology session. There are currently eight
weekly outpatient sessions, with intentions for this to be expanded. In addition there are weekly pacing and fetal medicine clinics. The pre-admission clinic is run weekly.

In summer 2015 the Royal Hospital for Sick Children will transfer all services to a bespoke, new children’s hospital build at the Southern General Hospital site, nearby. This is a state-of-the-art building, designed along contemporary best-practice guidelines, including IT capability and new models for patient care and movement throughout the hospital. All tertiary paediatric services will be represented and accommodated, including the largest neonatal unit and paediatric intensive care units in Scotland. The new cardiac ward will be a 14-bed dedicated unit adjacent to the intensive care unit, cardiac catheter laboratory and cardiac theatres, and connected across a walk-way to the neonatal unit. In preparation for the move, the Trust recently adopted a ‘paper-light’ policy with the introduction of an electronic patient record and tracking system, in addition to HeartSuite, a dedicated database developed in Glasgow. A new MRI suite will be added to the current scanner commissioned in 2012, and a new CT scanner will be installed.

**Training**

Training in paediatric cardiology is via a national grid system, is uncoupled from other schemes and can accept ST4 entrants from either general paediatrics or adult cardiology. All areas of training required for the attainment of a CCT according to the curriculum are represented in Glasgow. The training posts are recognised by the Royal College of Physicians and administered through the West of Scotland Deanery. The Trust adheres to the Deanery’s requirements for study leave and funding. Training exposure is provided in echocardiography, cardiac catheterisation, electrophysiology, fetal medicine, cardiac intensive care, adult congenital cardiology and cross-sectional imaging. Special interest training can be undertaken in most of these areas, though it is generally recommended that trainees aspire to gaining experience in an additional centre(s) in the case of special interest training.

Only two trainees are simultaneously enrolled at the West of Scotland Deanery, ensuring excellent training exposure and the rapid accumulation of experience. This is important, as the five year training scheme consists of three years core training, during which all base competencies must be accrued, followed by two years of sub-specialty training. Core training can be tailored to afford trainees a chance to sample sub-specialty areas to help them chose an area for further training in the final two years. Sub-specialist training may require re-locating to another centre depending on individual requirements.

Trainees in Paediatric Cardiology at Yorkhill currently take part in a 1:5 resident partial shift roster, overnight call being provided via the Hospital At Night Team initiative. Trainees are based throughout their training at Yorkhill, with exposure to fetal medicine at the Southern General Hospital and to adult congenital cardiology at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital. Ward care is delivered by two ST1-3 trainees and an FY2, with additional support from two
Advanced Nurse Practitioners. A general paediatric trainee developing a special interest in paediatric cardiology is frequent attached to the unit. There is office accommodation with computer access located in close proximity to the ward and the secretarial area.

ST4-6 trainees are assigned to training weeks in ward duty, cardiac catheterisation, echocardiography, and audit/research. The ward registrar for the week is responsible for ensuring patient documentation including discharge summaries are up-dated. Attendance at up to two weekly outpatients sessions supported by a consultant is mandatory. Outreach clinics are provided at consultant level; attendance by trainees is not compulsory, though encouraged in the latter years. There is an active teaching program, consisting of weekly consultant teaching and a journal club, in addition to the hospital-wide CME program. Trainees are expected to participate in the teaching and supervision of more junior grades and medical students, including lecturing. Participation in audit and research initiatives is required at all times. Active contribution to the weekly unit surgical meeting is expected. This includes preparation of morbidity and mortality patients for discussion, as well as those for surgical referral. Trainees are enabled to attend the national training days. Trainees are expected to become involved in the running of the service at a greater than point-of-care level, with early exposure to management principles.

As mentioned, trainees considering nominating Glasgow as their preferred training centre are strongly encouraged to contact the Training Program Director prior to interview, who will be more than happy to discuss their intentions:

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Specialty Registrar Job Description

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MAIN ACTIVITIES / RESPONSIBILITIES:

Clinical
The exact duties of the post will depend on the placement and will take into account the training needs of the appointee. All appointees will take part in acute on-call rotas which will be subject to change as progress is made in relation to targets set by Government for junior doctors’ hours.

Managerial
Trainees will have the opportunity to develop managerial skills as they rotate through the various hospitals. Trainees should undertake a formal management training course during the final year of training.

Research
All trainees will be expected and encouraged to have an active interest in research and publication. This does not necessarily mean taking a year or two years out-of-programme to work towards an MD or PhD unless the trainee also wishes to undertake subspecialist training.

Audit
All trainees will be expected and encouraged to have an active interest in audit and will be expected to undertake audit projects during their training.

Education
All trainees will be expected to attend the various educational opportunities provided in their own hospitals and those provided on a regional basis. Trainees should also where appropriate assist in the training and education of others.

Assessment
Regular assessment of progress will be made during the period of training. There will be an annual ARCP assessment at which the trainee will be required to demonstrate evidence of satisfactory progress in order to
PLACEMENT ARRANGEMENTS:

Placements between hospitals are administered by the Regional Specialty Training Committee for the School of Medicine and are determined usually on a yearly basis according to the Trainee’s educational and training needs. Trainees will rotate through the various hospitals and subspecialties within the Training Scheme. The Postgraduate Dean has confirmed that these posts all have the required educational and staffing approval. Excellent postgraduate facilities exist at all units.

Further information on hospitals in Northern Ireland is available at www.hscni.net

This job description will be subject to review in the light of changing circumstances and may include other duties and responsibilities as may be determined. It is not intended to be rigid and inflexible but should be regarded as providing guidelines within which the individual works.

Please note that the Health and Social Services organisations operate “No Smoking” policies and all employees must comply with this policy.

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