SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY
IN HEALTH EDUCATION ENGLAND - WESSEX

This is a 7 year training programme in Obstetrics and Gynaecology starting at ST1 aimed at doctors who can demonstrate the essential competences to enter this level of training. The programme is designed to support training for a CCT in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Details of essential competences and qualifications are detailed in the national person specification for Obstetrics and Gynaecology at ST1 which is available from http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk

The anticipated outcome subject to satisfactory progression is completion of CCT in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The programme is based in hospitals in Health Education England – Wessex including:

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Health Education England – Wessex is responsible for the planning, development, education and training of the healthcare and public health workforce across Hampshire, Dorset, Isle of Wight and Salisbury. We also provide medical training for the States of Jersey and GP appraisal services for Jersey and Guernsey. We believe that the key to improving the health and healthcare of the 2.8 million people living in
Wessex is investment in the skills and values of the 52,000 people working in the NHS and in primary care.

Within the field of postgraduate medical education and training, we manage across primary and secondary care for these health communities – totalling around 2,400 doctors in training at any one time across 12 Trusts and 160 GP practices. In addition, we support the workforce development for GP Practice Nurses and Public Health practitioners as well managing a bespoke GP appraisal service for established GP Practitioners to meet the requirements for revalidation in accordance with the statutory requirements set by the General Medical Council.

We manage training programmes for postgraduate medical training according to the statutory standards set by the General Medical Council (GMC) and have responsibility for establishing and maintaining quality management systems for all posts and programmes as required by the GMC.

The work of Health Education England – Wessex is guided by the principles embedded within the NHS constitution.

**Rotation Information**

- ST1 and ST2 12 month posts at different hospitals in Wessex region. ST2 posts will preferentially be allocated to units with a two tier middle grade rota (currently Southampton, Portsmouth, Basingstoke) allowing progression to ST3 at the same hospital with resident senior support on call.
- ST3-5, 12 month rotations. At least 12 months should be spent at a large teaching hospital eg Southampton or Portsmouth.
- ST6 and ST7 12 month posts at different hospitals depending on ATSM modules. There is a competitive interview process for allocation of training centres for ATSMs during ST5.  

**Study and Training**

The primary aim of all posts is to deliver the training programme and there is a national curriculum and minimum standards of education agreed by all Trusts within the rotation.
Health Education England – Wessex 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 patient safety) 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 Health Education England – Wessex/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, midwives, F1 and F2 Doctors, patients, relatives and senior medical staff.
3. Attend and participate in ward rounds as required.
4. Attend outpatient clinics and day assessment units.
5. Attend operating lists.
6. Take part in rostered emergency work including delivery suite.
7. Dictate discharge summaries.
8. Study for higher examination and maintain continued professional development.
9. Attend weekly educational and multidisciplinary sessions.
10. Undertake audit and patient safety projects at various times throughout the rotations.
11. Teach medical students as directed.
12. Co-operate with members of the human resources department when monitoring hours of work and other personnel issues.
13. Attend induction in each hospital or new department
14. Comply with all local policies including dress code, statutory and mandatory training, annual and study leave.
Curriculum

- See RCOG website for curriculum [www.rcog.org.uk](http://www.rcog.org.uk). 19 modules which are competency-based. Basic training ST1-2, intermediate training ST3-5 and advanced training ST6-7.
- Work-based assessments required throughout training to assess competencies (see RCOG educational progress matrix).
- Minimum two ATSMs (advanced training skills modules) completed in year 6-7 before CCT obtained.

Teaching

- Local teaching programme available at each trust.
- Monthly regional teaching programme rotating between units. 3 year rolling programme to include mandatory courses within curriculum.

Main Conditions of Service

The posts are whole-time and the appointments are subject to:

1. The Terms and Conditions of Service (TCS) for Hospital Medical and Dental Staff (England and Wales)
2. Satisfactory registration with the General Medical Council
3. Medical Fitness – You may be required to undergo a medical examination and chest x-ray. Potential applicants should be aware of the Department of Health and GMC/GDC requirements with regards to HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis viruses. Candidates must be immune to Hepatitis B. You will be required to provide, in advance of appointment, evidence of immunity or have a local blood test (as deemed necessary by the Occupational Health Department)
4. Right to work in the UK
5. Criminal Records Check/POCA check carried out by the Trust Medical HR department.
6. Pre-employment checks carried out by the Trust Medical HR department.

**Hours**

The working hours for junior doctors in training are now 48-hours averaged over 26 weeks (six months). Doctors in training also have an individual right to opt-out if they choose to do so, but they cannot opt-out of rest break or leave requirements. However, the contracts for doctors in training make clear that overall hours must not exceed **56 hours in a week** (New Deal Contract requirements) across all their employments and any locum work they do: [http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/need-to-know/european-working-time-directive](http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/need-to-know/european-working-time-directive).

**Pay**

You should be paid monthly at the rates set out in the national terms and conditions of service for hospital medical and dental staff and doctors in public health medicine and the community health service (England and Wales), “the TCS”, as amended from time to time. The pay scales are reviewed annually. Current rates of pay may be viewed at: [http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/pay-and-reward/pay/agenda-for-change-pay](http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/pay-and-reward/pay/agenda-for-change-pay). Part-time posts will be paid pro-rata.

**Pay supplement**

Depending upon the working pattern and hours of duty you are contracted to undertake by the employer you should be paid a monthly additional pay supplement at the rates set out in paragraph 22 of the TCS. The current pay scales may be viewed at: [http://www.nhsemployers.org/](http://www.nhsemployers.org/). The pay supplement is not reckonable for NHS pension purposes. The pay supplement will be determined by the employer and should be made clear in their offer of employment and subject to monitoring.
Pension
You will be entitled to join or continue as a member of the NHS Pension Scheme, subject to its terms and rules, which may be amended from time to time.

Annual leave
Your entitlement to annual leave will be five or six weeks per annum depending upon your previous service/incremental point, as set out in paragraphs 205 – 206 of the TCS.


Sick pay
Entitlements are outlined in paragraphs 225-240 of the TCS.

Notice
You will be required to give your employer and entitled to receive from them notice in accordance with paragraphs 195 – 196 of the TCS.

Study leave
The employer is expected to offer study leave in accordance with paragraphs 250 – 254 of the TCS. Local policy and procedure will be explained at your induction.

Travel expenses
The employer is expected to offer travel expenses in accordance with paragraphs 277 – 308 of the TCS for journeys incurred in performing your duties. Local policy and procedure will be explained at induction.
Subsistence expenses

The employer is expected to offer subsistence expenses in accordance with paragraph 311 of the TCS. Local policy and procedure will be explained at induction.

Relocation expenses

The employer will have a local policy for relocation expenses based on paragraphs 314 – 315 of the TCS and national guidance at: http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/pay-and-reward/nhs-terms-and-conditions/junior-doctors-dentists-gp-registrars. You are advised to check eligibility and confirm any entitlement with the employer before incurring any expenditure. In addition to local policy there is Deanery guidance which can be viewed on www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk.

Pre-employment checks

All NHS employers are required to undertake pre-employment checks. The employer will confirm their local arrangements expected to be in line with national guidance at: http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/recruit/employment-checks.

Professional registration

It will be a requirement of employment that you have professional registration with the GMC for the duration of your employment.

Health and safety

All employers have a duty to protect their workers from harm. You will be advised by the employer of local policies and procedures intended to protect your health and safety and to comply with these.
**Disciplinary and grievance procedures**

The employer will have local policies and procedures for dealing with any disciplinary concerns or grievances you may have. They will advise you how to access these, not later than eight weeks after commencement of employment.

**Educational supervisor**

The employer will confirm your supervisor on commencement.

**General information**

Health Education Wessex's management of Specialty Training programmes, including issues such as taking time out of programme and dealing with concerns or complaints, is available at [www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk](http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk) and in the national ‘Gold guide’ to Specialty Training at: [http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/news/the-gold-guide/](http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk/news/the-gold-guide/).