Welcome to
Wessex Educators’ Forum 2009

Dear Colleagues

I am very pleased to welcome you to the Wessex Educators’ Forum 2009. Our theme this year, Finding the Balance – Education in the Service, is designed to stimulate thought and discussion about the future direction of medical education in Wessex. Through discussion and debate, the exchange of ideas and practical solutions, I trust you will find this forum of value in the year ahead.

We are fortunate to have three excellent keynote speakers and two debaters this year. I thank them and you for your participation in this event. If you have any concerns over the coming days please ask one of the Deanery staff who will be happy to help.

Best wishes
Vicky Osgood
Postgraduate Dean, Wessex Deanery

Keynote Speakers

Professor Steve Field
Chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP)

Professor Field took up the position of RCGP Chairman in November 2007 and has led the RCGP through Lord Darzi’s Review of the NHS, successfully promoting the RCGP “federated” model of patient care – with GP practices working together to provide more services for patients in their local communities - as a workable alternative to polyclinics and repositioning general practice at the heart of the NHS.

Professor Field is recognised as a national leader in medical education. As Chair of the RCGP Education Network, he led the College’s radical review of GP training which led to the introduction of the first ever training curriculum for GPs in August 2007.

A practising GP in inner-city Birmingham, Professor Field is Honorary Professor of Medical Education, University of Warwick, and Honorary Professor in the School of Medicine, University of Birmingham.

He has published many academic papers, reports and books - including a bestselling publication on the GP curriculum - and has presented papers at academic meetings around the world. He is a Member of the Faculty of the Harvard Macy Institute program for leading innovation in healthcare and education.

He is co-author of the landmark RCGP document The Future Direction of General Practice: A Roadmap and its follow-up Primary Care Federations: Putting Patients First, published in June 2008.
Keynote Speakers

**Linda de Cossart  ChM FRCS**  
**Consultant Vascular and General Surgeon, Countess of Chester Hospital**  
**Vice President, Royal College of Surgeons of England**

Linda de Cossart graduated in medicine from the University of Liverpool in 1972, and began training for a surgical career in Merseyside. She became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1978 and after a period of full time research gained by thesis a ChM from Liverpool on the subject of venous disease.

She was appointed as Consultant General Surgeon with an interest in vascular surgery at the Countess of Chester Hospital in 1988.

Currently, she has a busy clinical commitment, which involves teaching undergraduates and postgraduates in surgery. Her particular research in the clinical field has been in the areas of risk assessment, claudication and venous disease in pregnancy on which she regularly presents and publishes.

As Associate Postgraduate Dean in the Mersey Deanery from 1993 to 2006, she has been closely involved with the changes in both Specialist Registrar and SHO levels in surgery and their educational implications.

Linda was elected to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1999 and became Vice President of the College in 2008. She is closely involved with the College’s development of Postgraduate Curriculum for Surgery and in Revalidation.


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**Wendy Reid**  
**Postgraduate Dean for London**

Wendy Reid is a Consultant Gynaecologist at the Royal Free Hospital, London. She is actively involved in new ways of working in both clinical and educational roles.

Wendy Reid Chairs the Clinical Advisors WorkingTime Directive Group and is also the CoPMED Lead for WTD.

She is the Clinical Lead for ‘Hospital at Night’ as well as Lead Postgraduate Dean for General Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Paediatrics.

Wendy Reid is an elected member of RCOG Council.
Keynote Speakers

Paul Streets
Chief Executive Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board
Paul took up post in February 2005 after terms as Chief Executive of the Health Development Agency and Diabetes UK. Paul is a Healthcare Commissioner (Deputy Chair) and became the first lay member to be appointed to the Royal College of Physicians Council. Paul has an OBE for services to people with diabetes.

Graeme Zaki
Medical Director, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust
Graeme is a Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon with a particular interest in head and neck cancers. He sits on the Board of Faculty Examiners for the Faculty of Dental Surgery and is a member of the Portsmouth Hospitals Trust and Portsmouth University Partnership Board, with responsibility for taking forward research and development and education for healthcare professionals.