Current number of training posts: 32

Based in the following Trust locations: Poole / Portsmouth / Southampton

Example rotation:
The first 2 years of the programme will generally be in one Hospital. The third year will depend on the chosen speciality within the ACCS programme i.e.
1) Acute Medicine trainees will go into CT2B Medicine posts (pending GMC agreement of a 3rd year of core training in AM)
2) Anaesthetic trainees will go into CT2 core Anaesthesia
3) Emergency Medicine trainees will go to either Portsmouth or Southampton for Paediatric Emergency Medicine

General information on the training opportunities:
The ACCS programme in Wessex provides training in all the competences required to provide a junior doctor with the skills necessary to commence the management of any acutely ill or injured patient.

The programme in Wessex requires one of the 3 base specialities to be chosen from: Acute Medicine, Anaesthesia or Emergency Medicine. The first 2 years of the programme are the same regardless of the Hospital you will be in or your chosen base speciality.

In the first 2 years we will place you generally in one Hospital where you will rotate for 6 months each in Medicine, Emergency Medicine (previously known as A&E), Anaesthetics and Intensive Care Medicine.

The details about each of these Trusts can be found on the Wessex Deanery website. Your 3rd year will vary depending upon your chosen base speciality which you have to decide when applying for the post –the details of how this 3rd year is spent is detailed in the previous section.

There are 2 regional ACCS training days a year which involve all the trainees in Wessex presenting interesting cases or audits. There is also at least one talk from one of the Consultants in the region as well.

There is support for trainees to best prepare for the exams (MCEM, MRCP and FRCA) and in fact the only 2 MCQ books for the MCEM A have both been written by Consultants/trainees in Poole and Southampton.

We also run a one day simulation course for ACCS trainees and were involved in piloting the first College of Emergency Medicine course last year. We have in addition run a College Simulation course for Consultants in the region to enable them to teach trainees better, using simulation.

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