Approval of GP Training in the Wessex Deanery

The approval of GP Trainers, Practices and Programmes is now quite a complex process and each of these three approvals requires certain individual actions;

1. Approval of GP Trainers;
   a. This follows the current practice of a formal application (or reapplication) attendance at an approved course and a practice visit.
   b. The report is submitted to the GP speciality Training Committee which meets twice a year in (June and December)
   c. The Trainer is approved under the guidelines of Appendix A

2. Approval of the Training Post (i.e. Practice)
   a. The Deanery requires that the GP School Grades all Training Posts on an annual basis.
   b. The details are outline in the attached Deanery policy document (Appendix B), but a brief summary follows below.
   c. Grading is a requirement of the education commissioners (the two Strategic Health Authorities) and the Deanery must report on post grades annually to both the GMC and the SHAs.
   d. Most posts will be graded as satisfactory (A, green) by the GP-STC following a practice visit. Grades will be reviewed annually at the GP-STC from evidence submitted by the “End of Post Survey”
   e. A “Confirm and Challenge” meeting will be held annually, with each Head of School. Meetings will take place in October so that post grades can feed into the Deanery Report (DR) for the GMC and the Deanery’s own Quality Management Steering Group in November.
   f. The Dean or their representative will attend and chair the meeting supported by the Quality and Workforce Manager and other colleagues including lay input as required.
   g. A summary of all post grades will be presented to the QM Steering Group’s November meeting, and published to schools/trusts as appropriate

3. Approval of Training Programmes
   a. The Deanery is required to have approval for all of its 3 year programmes with the GMC. This is simply a list (numbers) of the rotations at each training Centre (i.e. Basingstoke = 18)
   b. Each year (i.e. ST1, ST2 and ST3) has to be included in the total of approved programmes
   c. The number is actually larger that the number of “fixed rotations” to allow for LTFTT’s, remediation and extensions (see Appendix C)