Health Education Wessex GP Induction and Refresher Scheme 2014

The Wessex Deanery is able to offer a limited number of unfunded Induction and Refresher (I&R) Scheme places each year. This scheme was previously known as The GP Returners Programme.

The I&R Scheme is intended for fully qualified GPs who are listed on the GMC General Practice Register and who for a number of reasons are unable to gain full entry on to National Performers List for England (there are separate NPLs for each of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) see link to NPL website; National Performers List.

The purpose of the GP Induction and Refresher Scheme is to assess these doctors’ learning needs, and provide a suitable Induction and/or Refresher programme so as to allow the applicant to be included on the NPL “without conditions” and work in NHS General Practice in England.

For doctors to be eligible to apply for the Wessex I&R scheme and gain a place the following conditions apply. They must:

- Be a qualified GP currently on the GMC GP register with a “licence to practice” without conditions or undertakings.
- Have been out of active NHS General Practice (this also includes Locum and Out of Hours work) for 2 or more years.
- Have not undertaken a GP NHS Annual Appraisal for 2 or more years.
- Not currently be on a National Medical Performer’s list (England) and not meet the entry requirements.
- Be resident in the Wessex Deanery Area

This may include qualified GP’s who:

- Have worked overseas for greater than 2 years in a GP post (or its Primary Care equivalent).
- Have not previously worked or trained in a NHS GP post prior to application to the NPL.
- Are not subject to GMC restrictions or conditions/undertakings (please contact the Deanery for specific advice if in this category)
- Have been working only in another UK medical post but in a non-GP specialty.

All eligible GPs will have to undergo the entrance learning needs assessments.

For initial enquires or advice please send a brief CV and a copy of your GMC GP Register certificate to

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Formal application for the scheme from June 2012 is through the GP National Recruitment Office

Doctors applying for the GP Induction and Refresher Scheme must state their intention to work in a substantive (though not necessarily full-time) NHS GP post after completion of the induction or refresher training.

The aims and eligibility criteria are detailed in the GP Induction and Refresher Guidelines on the Wessex Deanery website; Wessex GP Website.

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