Applications are invited for 27 vacancies nationally for Cardiothoracic Surgery Training Programmes at ST3 level for commencement from August 2012.

For full details on the number of posts available and how to apply, please visit http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/ctsurgeryrecruitment.aspx

Applications will be restricted to those applicants who meet the criteria as laid out in: Modernising Medical Careers (MMC) England: An Applicant's guide to application and recruitment to specialty training in England in 2012, which can be found on the MMC website: http://www.mmc.nhs.uk/

Assessment of immigration status will be based upon an applicant's valid leave to remain in or enter the UK as at the closing date of the specialty, which for Cardiothoracic Surgery is Monday 5 March 2012. Applicants will therefore be required to provide evidence of their immigration status on this date. Those not holding the required immigration status, on the closing date of that specialty or who do not meet the essential eligibility criteria will not be considered and should not apply at this stage.

The Postgraduate Deans have confirmed that the posts advertised have the required educational and staffing approval.

Doctors who are not UK or EEA nationals and whose immigration status entitles them to work without restriction in the UK will be considered on an equal basis with UK and EEA nationals. Other non-UK or non-EEA nationals with limited leave to remain in the UK and whose employment will require Tier 2 sponsorship are subject to the resident labour market test and may only be considered if there is no suitable UK or EEA national candidate for the post. Evidence of immigration status should normally consist of a date stamped passport and accompanying letter from the Home Office. Please visit http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk for more information.