Who Are We?

- The Wessex Medical Educational Fellow role was set up in 2006 to support and formalise trainees interested in medical education.
- It was recognised that there were trainees within the region who engaged in considerably more educational activity than expected for their level. However, this work rarely achieved formal acknowledgement.
- The MEF role was designed to promote champions of medical education, as well as to provide structure and development for a career involving medical education and to formalise this activity for the RITA / ARCP panel.
- Typically, there are between 20 and 30 Fellows in appointment at any given time. There is an open ended term, reviewed on an annual basis.
- Each trainee holds an Honorary Contract with the deanery that is transferable from trust to trust.

What Do We Do?

Fellows are expected to be more than just trainees who enjoy teaching. They should have an interest in the process of education and how it should affect professional practice.

There is a wide range of educational activity throughout the Fellows but includes:

- Active involvement with Deanery work and projects.
- Involvement with Trust and Specialty educational activities.
- Progressive development of an education portfolio
- Certificate / Diploma / Degree / PhD in medical education
- Research Projects
- Courses
- Underpinned by ‘Educator Development Framework’ as trainees progress through training.

Appointment to the MEF role

- Appointment is made through a formal application process to the Deanery.
- The panel comprises of Deanery Representatives and 2-3 current (senior) Fellows.
- Requires the support of the trainee’s Educational Supervisor and Programme Director.
- Evidence must be provided of suitable activity taken from the Fellowship Criteria:
  - Champion of Education at either Trust, Specialty, Deanery or National Level
  - Involved with organisation of educational events at Trust, Specialty, Deanery or National Level
  - Member Tomorrow’s Teachers Faculty
  - Have or undertaking Certificate / Diploma / Masters Education
  - Member of Deanery working groups or project worker
  - Strong Education Portfolio
  - Completed GPR Year / Current SpR / ST3

Further Information

http://www.nesc.nhs.uk/professional_resources/medical/wessex_deanery/resources_and_information.aspx