## Current number of training posts:
One post each at ST1/2/3 and 8 posts at ST4+

## Based in the following Trust locations:
Wessex Neurological Centre, Southampton General Hospital

## Example rotation:
- ST1-Neurosurgery/ NICU /Neurology
- ST2-Neurosurgery/ General Surgery
- ST3-8 Neurosurgery rotating around the subspecialties all in a single unit.

## General information on the training opportunities
Neurosurgery remains a run-through surgical specialty. Training begins in ST1 and subject to satisfactory progress trainees would complete 8 years of training and achieve a CCT in Neurosurgery.

Selection is national and has been running for 4 years. Short listing and the selection centre involves representatives of all training programmes in the UK. Successful candidates are allocated to training programmes on the basis of their rank in the selection process and stated preferences.

Training is divided into Core Neurosurgery (ST1-3), Intermediate Stage (ST4-5) and final stage (ST6-8). Full details of the curriculum and required placements during training are provided at www.iscp.sc.uk. The training is managed via the eportfolio at this website.

In Wessex training is currently provided at a single site. Trainees rotate through the consultant teams to gain experience of all the major subspecialties within neurosurgery. These are trauma, vascular, oncology, spine, paediatrics, skull base and functional neurosurgery.

Training is complete after 8 years if the competencies detailed in the curriculum have been obtained and the FRCS (SN) examination passed.

## Key Contacts and Useful Websites:
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