

Delivering Care Closer to Home: Meeting the Challenge

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Aspects to discuss and debate:

- Providers aspirations and capabilities
- Patients perspectives and reassurances
- PCTs perspectives – PBC, Choose and Book, SLA, etc
- Colleges (RCS and RCGP) perspectives on training, accreditation and revalidation
- DH perspectives on CCTH and a sustainable workforce

Levels of service:

- Level 1: Procedures: GMS (Red Book)
 - Infrastructure: Treatment room
- Level 2: CTD, Vasectomy, Trigger finger , Endoscopy etc
 - Infrastructure: Modified TR
- Level 3: Hernia, Hydrocoele, Cataract, Dupytren's etc
 - Infrastructure: Operating theatre

My name is XXXXXXXXXXXXX and I am an F2 doctor in Plymouth. I am currently on GP placement at PXXXX Practice,XXXXX. I have one more week of GP before I swap to Cardiothoracics at Derriford Hospital.

I am very keen on pursuing a career in General Practice with interest in Minor Ops. However, I am not sure what kind of things I should be doing as there are no guidelines as to what would benefit me in career progression.

As I am an F2 I havent specialised yet and applications open in January 09. I am not sure if I should apply for surgical jobs or to apply for GP training. I wonder whether you have any suggestions.

Thanks again

I am currently ST2 based in General Practice. With prior surgical experience at SHO level, I am keen to maintain this as I progress through my ST rotations. I have already done the RCGP minor ops course, in addition to the usual BSS course undertaken as a BST. My practice offers minor ops, and I have requested a few sessions with the partner responsible.

What else can I do practically to ensure that I can offer / engage in surgical procedures in primary care upon completion of training?

Your guidance is much appreciated

I came across your web site & article in the RCS bulletin recently. I must say that I was not aware of this organisation & the work done by its members.

I am working as staff grade in colorectal/general surgery. I will like to follow in your footsteps. Please could you tell me whom to approach for abbreviated GP training. I will be happy to meet you at mutually convenient time in future.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely

Frontline staff have the talent to look beyond their individual clinical practice and act as practitioners, partners, and leaders. DH will work with the NHS, the professions, the professional regulators and other interested key parties to support clinicians in developing the three core roles. **The local visions in every region show the changes the NHS needs to make to improve the quality of care for patients. This means the career pathways and education that underpin their skills will also need to change.** DH will work with leaders of the profession to ensure that medical education and training supports the development of identified characteristics in tomorrow's expert medical practitioners.

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Over the next three years, in close engagement with the Royal Colleges the professional regulators, the wider medical profession, universities, commissioners and employers, DH will want to see the **development of a new reformed postgraduate training pathway for doctors, which will be key to delivering care closer to home.** In light of the increasing demand for primary and community care services, SHAs will be expected to expand GP training programmes so that in future, at least half of doctors going into specialty training will be training as GPs.

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TRAINING and ACCREDITATION

For those currently providing or for those intending to provide
'surgical services' in Primary Care :
important and mandatory.
PCTs' should have accreditation procedures in place by
31st March 2009!

To discuss and debate these issues – we have invited the following illustrious speakers:

- Mrs Linda de Cossart –
- Consultant Vascular Surgeon and Vice President of Royal College of Surgeons in England
- Mrs Julia Schofield
- Consultant Dermatologist
- Prof M Pringle
- Medical Director of Revalidation at Royal College of General Practitioners