

Foundation School Information Update

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This is your information update from the foundation school. The content of these updates will be local and national courses and information relevant to foundation trainees which will vary from week to week. If you would like to contribute to the update, please contact suzanne.maddock@hee.nhs.uk or Natalie.Band@hee.nhs.uk.

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10th SBNS & NANSIG Neurosurgery Careers Day 30th January 2021

Online Event

NANSIG are delighted to announce that our 10th annual Neurosurgery careers day will be free and accessible to everyone in the world. With it being our tenth anniversary, we are aiming for the best careers day to date with talks and workshops from the UK's leading Neurosurgeons on all aspects of Neurosurgery including:

- Work-life balance in Neurosurgery- from registrar to consultant
- Neurosurgery in global context
- How to maximise points in foundation training and medical school
- Academic Neurosurgery- how to get published and life as an academic Neurosurgeon
- Neurosurgery CV clinics
- Oral and poster presentations

To sign up for our international conference, use this link:

<https://forms.gle/YisZ7nhXPbUG5QQG6>

To submit an abstract, use this link:

<https://forms.gle/CWfAcaV6Ee6Z9EmdA>

For further details - as well as information on other events - visit <https://nansig.org/>

FAO F2: Trainees Confirmed specialty career sessions now on Maxcourse

There is still time to book onto the remaining careers sessions we have organised:

**** List updated 06 Nov 2020 (Applying to a career in Surgery Date added)**

Psychiatry	Thursday	03/12/2020	1pm
Surgery	Tuesday	15/12/2020	6pm

Please book your place on your chosen sessions through MAXCOURSE.

A reminder that The National Education and Training Survey (NETS) Closes on 30th November - Have Your Say

About the NETS

At Health Education England (HEE), our job is to support you to learn to deliver excellent care to patients by ensuring that you are supported to work in a safe clinical environment. We do this by working with employers, the GMC and health and care providers to ensure that key requirements, such as good induction programmes, clinical supervision and access to learning opportunities, are in place and available to all trainees.

The NETS is the only national survey open to all health and care trainees and students across all clinical learning environments. As you will know, the full GMC National Training Survey did not run this year due to the covid-19 pandemic, so NETS provides an opportunity for us to gather some information about your experiences in training.

You understand your learning environment better than anyone else.

You know the clinical learning environment in which you work and train better than anyone else and your feedback is important in identifying when things are working well and when they could be better. The NETS is an opportunity to say what you think about the quality of your clinical learning environment, including areas of good practice.

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, you may be undertaking a clinical placement or rotation during a pandemic surge. It is important that we understand the impact of the pandemic on your education and training to identify how we can support all students and trainees during this challenging time and beyond. Your feedback is vital in understanding the standards of care provided to patients.

The survey takes just 10 minutes and your experiences will help to make real changes to improve the student experience.

If you have not received an invite to complete the survey, please email NETS@hee.nhs.uk so that you can receive a personalised link to a version of the survey that has been prepopulated with your training programme information.

For more information as well as help with specific queries, please see our website and FAQs - www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/quality/national-education-training-survey.

Your Voice, Your Survey, Improving your training

Geoff Smith
Regional Postgraduate Dean, South West

Medical Specialty Recruitment 2021

Specialty recruitment will proceed for posts commencing from August 2021, although the timeframes and delivery methods will differ from previous years.

[Link](#) to a recording of the specialty recruitment webinar that was held on 21 October 2020. More information on the changes to specialty recruitment and answers to the questions submitted can be found in these [FAQs](#).

FAO F1s: Time out of Foundation Training and SWAPs application windows are open

DEADLINE FOR Time out of Foundation Training Applications is 14th December 2020
DEADLINE FOR SWAPS is 9.00am on 4th January 2020

Dear All F1s

A reminder that If you wish to apply for Time out of Foundation training between F1 and F2 the application window is open until the 14th December 2020. Attached is the **TOFP** policy and application form.

We are also giving you the opportunity to apply to **swap your programme** for your F2 year, this could be your allocated Trust, your rotation and/or a speciality within your rotation.

The attached application form gives details relating to the process including special circumstances and each of the options available to you, please read it thoroughly. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

It is worth noting the School's ability to accommodate swaps will be **very limited** due to its obligation to ensure that each trainee has an appropriately balanced rotation.

The deadline for applications is 9.00am on the **4th January 2021** and return your form to PENF2Enquiries.SW@hee.nhs.uk

If you have any questions please get in touch.

The Foundation Team.

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