

To All Urology Programme Directors

17 June 2008

Dear Programme Director,

As I'm sure you realise, the new seven-year curriculum (ST1-ST7) was recently approved by PMETB. One of the conditions for approval of the curriculum was that we offer every trainee the opportunity to switch to the new curriculum, which will be web-based and administered via the ISCP. Technically, all trainees who wish to switch must seek advice from SAC in Urology, but given the large numbers of trainees who are likely to want to switch, it seems sensible that decisions are taken locally by the STC.

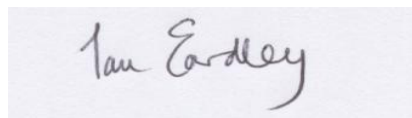
Could I therefore ask you to contact all trainees, including Calman trainees, to ask them whether they would wish to switch to the new curriculum. It will be up to the STC to determine at what point on the new curriculum the trainees are placed. For instance, while we might expect current five-year (MMC pilot) trainees to transfer directly across to the same ST-level of training (and therefore be offered two extra years of training), it is possible that some of these trainees will have progressed rapidly and as such might only need one extra year of training. If there are cases where you need advice, the SAC would be happy to help either via the liaison member or myself.

When decisions have been made for each trainee, could you contact the JCST office with a list of trainees who wish to switch to the new curriculum and for each of them, assign a position in the new curriculum. Enclosed you will find a form to complete for each trainee who will be switching, indicating each of their names and corresponding information, which we will need to receive before the change can be formally approved. As you will see, each copy should be signed by you, as well as by the chairman of the STC and by a deanery representative. Copies of this form can be obtained electronically either from the JCST office or via the website (www.jcst.org). We will also make this letter and the form available to all trainees.

It is important to note that there is a deadline of **1 November 2008** after which trainees will not be able to switch to the new curriculum.

When we receive the form, we will write formally to the trainee and to yourself.

Best wishes,



Ian Eardley
Chairman of the SAC in Urology

Cc: Postgraduate Deans
All Urology Trainees

Confirmation of Trainee to Use the New Urology Curriculum

Trainee Information

Trainee Name _____

Trainee Number _____ Deanery _____

Placement/CCT Information

Current Level (Year) _____ Previous CCT Date _____

ST Level Placement in New Curriculum (i.e. ST4, ST5) _____

New CCT Date _____

Trainee's Signature _____ Date _____

Programme Director's Signature _____ Date _____

STC Chair's Signature _____ Date _____

Deanery Representative's Signature _____ Date _____

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