

## JCST Finances

We are committed to being transparent about all areas of our work, and we publish financial information each year in our January newsletter. The previous page gives details of our income and expenditure for the financial year July 2015-June 2016. We work on behalf of the four Surgical Royal Colleges of the UK and Ireland and are based at the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS).

You can read more about what we do on our website, including FAQs [here](#). Our overarching purpose is to enhance the quality of surgical training for the benefit of patients and to support trainees and trainers. Our structure involves the JCST itself, 10 Specialty Advisory Committees (SACs), a Core Surgical Training Advisory Committee (CSTAC), 5 Training Interface Groups (TIGs), a Quality Assurance (QA) Group, the ISCP Management Committee, Data Analysis, Audit and Research Group and other subject-specific groups. In brief, our work covers the following areas:

- Enrolling trainees, monitoring your progress, and recommending you for certification when you have completed your training. We support applications for out of programme training and research and provide advice and guidance for you and your trainers – for example, our quality indicators (QIs) for training posts and our certification and benchmarking guidelines to help you track your progress
- Developing, maintaining and updating the curriculum and syllabuses for all the surgical specialties and core surgical training (CST) and the ISCP online training management system
- Supporting national quality assurance and local quality management systems. We run trainee and trainer surveys and have a network of SAC Liaison Members who support and advise local Deaneries and Schools of Surgery
- Evaluating applications for the UK Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) on behalf of the General Medical Council (GMC)

The JCST fee supports all areas of our work, with the exception of the CESR evaluations – for which the GMC pays us. We receive no other income, and therefore the Colleges have had to subsidise our work over a number of years and are also liable for any deficits we incur. Their resources are limited, however, and the aim is for our day to day operational activity to be funded as far as possible by fee income.

In 2015-16 we made a surplus (£57,751) for the first time, as a result both of increased income and efficiency savings. In the five years prior to this, the Colleges had subsidised the JCST to the level of £1.5m. Any surpluses from intercollegiate budgets are returned to the Colleges to support the development of member and trainee benefits. In the current year, for instance the Colleges are investing £133,000 to redevelop the e-logbook used by trainees and closely linked with the ISCP.