

## JCST Financial Overview (2016/17)

The JCST is an intercollegiate committee of the Surgical Royal Colleges of the UK and Ireland working to enhance the quality of surgical training for the benefit of patients and to support trainees and trainers – read our five-year strategy document [here](#).

We deliver our work through the main JCST committee and 10 Specialty Advisory Committees (SACs). We are also responsible for the Core Surgical Training Advisory Committee (CSTAC), 6 Training Interface Groups (TIGs), a Quality Assurance (QA) Group, the ISCP Management Committee, Data Analysis, Audit and Research Group, the Selection Group and other subject-specific groups in order to support surgical training from start to completion.

In summary, our work covers the following main areas:

- Enrolling trainees, monitoring progress, and recommending individuals for certification on completion of training. We support applications for out of programme training and research, and provide advice and guidance for trainees and trainers
- 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
- Supporting National Selection into surgical training by designing the selection centre processes
- Evaluating applications for the UK Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) on behalf of the General Medical Council (GMC)

You can read more about what we do on our website, including FAQs [here](#).

The JCST fee supports all areas of our work, with the exception of the CESR evaluations – for which the GMC pays us. The JCST fee is set by the Joint Surgical Colleges Meeting annually, taking previous and predicted financial performance and requirements into account. The Colleges have previously subsidised our work as they are liable for any deficits we incur. We are publishing this summary as part of our on-going commitment to transparency about the operation of JCST.

Our total income for the financial year July 2016-June 2017, was £1,920,976 of which £1,749,254 was from the JCST fee and £171,722 from CESR work. After operating costs, this led to a surplus of £221,653 for that financial year. The Colleges are however very aware of the financial demands being placed on trainees, and have taken the decision that the JCST fee for 2018-19 will remain at the 2017-18 level.

The surplus is the result of increased income following a rise in the number of ISCP users (this includes non-trainee users) and more income from the GMC; a number of efficiency savings across the operation of the JCST, Colleges' support for development and a number of staffing gaps during the financial year. The surplus will support the improvement of the services delivered by the JCST and the Surgical Royal Colleges to trainees across the UK and Ireland.