

Financial Position Statement (2022-23¹)

The [JCST](#) is an intercollegiate advisory body which acts on behalf of the four surgical Royal Colleges of the UK and Ireland.

It is supported by and responsible for a number of committees and groups, including 10 Specialty Advisory Committees (SACs), the Core Surgical Training Advisory Committee (CSTAC), and the Training Interface Groups (TIGs). It is also the parent body for the [Intercollegiate Surgical Curriculum Programme](#) (ISCP), the online training management system used by surgical and dental trainees. For additional information on the JCST's overall scope and purpose please refer to the Terms of Reference [here](#).

SACs and CSTAC are responsible for:

- writing and reviewing the curricula
- contributing to and participating in the delivery of National Selection recruitment processes
- contributing to quality improvement and quality management of training programmes across the UK and Ireland and acting as external advisors to ARCP panels and local Specialty Training Committees (STCs)
- recommending trainees for certification.

Additional information on SAC/CSTAC responsibilities can be found [here](#).

In addition to the above, the JCST (under each area of activity):

Trainee services

- enrolls, monitors and processes recommendations for certification – **563** new specialty trainees enrolled and **635** trainees recommended during this period
- supports, advises and guides trainees and trainers on a wide variety of issues
- provides a bespoke helpdesk service, and
- supports Specialty Advisory Committees (SACs) and other committees and groups.

Curricula and the ISCP

- supports the development of surgical curricula and syllabuses for the 10 surgical specialties and core surgery in line with GMC standards
- maintains and develops the ISCP website – **30,247** registered users at time of writing.

Quality

- develops Quality Indicators (QIs) for training placements
- runs the JCST Trainee and Trainer surveys and reports on annual/bi-annual results
- supports and provides SACs with guidance and access to data for generating the annual specialty reports for each training region.

CESR/Portfolio pathway

- assesses applications for entry to the Specialist Register on behalf of the General Medical Council (GMC) – **151** evaluations and **66** reviews completed during this period.

The fee covers all the above activities² and any new projects the JCST becomes involved with.

The JCST fee³ is set annually by the four Royal College Presidents.

¹ The JCST follows the RCS England's financial year i.e. 1 July to 30 June.

² CESR/Portfolio work is not included. The JCST is under contractual obligation with the GMC to undertake this work and is paid by the GMC to do so.

³ At the Joint Surgical Colleges Meeting in January 2024, the Presidents agreed that the fee would remain frozen at £260 for the coming academic year (August 2024 to August 2025) – see published statement [here](#).

Financial position 2022-23:

Our total income in the July 2022-June 2023 financial year was £2,429,922, this includes £2,183,592 JCST fee income and £216,419 CESR income. After operating costs, this led to a surplus of £207,205 for that financial year. Much of this surplus was the result of staff vacancies and reduced expenditure in other areas.

The JCST's aim remains to ensure ongoing funding to deliver its core activities but also to be able to innovate and invest in developments that benefit trainees.

The four surgical Royal Colleges are responsible for ensuring the JCST remains sustainable, delivers on its strategic aims, continues to innovate and improve, and continues to support trainees and trainers across the UK and Ireland.

*Joint Committee on Surgical Training on behalf of the surgical Royal Colleges of the UK and Ireland
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