

This newsletter has been designed to provide higher general surgical trainees with regular correspondence and updates from the General Surgery (GS) Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC).

The last General Surgery SAC/joint TPD meeting took place at the RCSEng on Monday **10th September 2018**.

Summary points

JCST - Exception reporting – Trainees are encouraged to exception report. Click on the link for JCST statement.

General Surgery Curriculum – A revised general surgery curriculum has now been submitted for review. An outcome from the GMC is awaited.

Surgical training in the private sector – any work performed by a trainee in the private sector should be disclosed in their enhanced Form R prior to ARCP. Please discuss with your local trust and medical indemnity regarding the status of your insurance. SAC members have been advised to ensure any training in the private sector was part of the training rotation so that the time and procedures could count towards training

Quality Assurance - GMC National training survey – results of the latest survey are available to view at [GMC NTS](#)

Simulation – The GMC NTS has demonstrated, access and availability to simulation facilities vary widely across the UK & ROI as well as sources of funding. The SAC are identifying current local initiatives and examples of good practice on simulation and sources of funding.

JAG – “Trainees in Surgery Endoscopy Access group” has recently been formed. They will be working to clearly delineate training pathways to improve endoscopy access and training for surgical trainees. Endoscopy consolidation sheets are available for trainees to create through the JETs website and should be uploaded as evidence of endoscopy experience at ARCP.

eLogbook - eLogbooks are in the process of testing phase one of improving the linkage between eLogbook and ISCP. This should make eLogbook easier and simpler to review via ISCP.

FRCS examination – It is anticipated that Section 1 (written) of the FRCS examination will change to single best answer questions only. EMQs will subsequently be removed. In addition, when the new curriculum is approved this is likely to bring about change to the exam. For further information and news updates please see the JCIE website via the link.

Academic research requirements for Certification - The default is three peer reviewed publications as first or second author. If trainees are unable to provide three publications then they need to map their research evidence against the research domain of the GMC's generic professional capabilities.

If you have any particular issues relating to your training, please get in contact at the listed web addresses.

Useful contacts and quick links:

[AoMRC Mandatory cost of training document](#)

[JCST - contact us](#)

[JCST - General Surgery Quality Indicators](#)

[ISCP - Contact us](#)

[JCST/ISCP Youtube channel](#)

[General Surgery Curriculum \(2016\)](#)

[JCIE - FRCS examination website](#)

Upcoming Dates

GS SAC meeting, RCSEng – 23rd January 2019

Next GS FRCS examination

<u>Section 1 dates</u>	(Deadline)
06/02/2019	(08/11/18)
04/06/2019	(21/03/19)

<u>Section 2 dates</u>	(Deadline)
Preston 30/01/19	(25/10/18)
Norwich 29/05/19	(11/01/19)
Plymouth 04/09/19	(06/06/19)

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