

This newsletter has been designed to provide you with regular correspondence and updates from your Specialty Advisory Committee (CSTAC).

The last CORE SURGERY SAC/joint TPD meeting took place at the RCSEng on 26 April 2019.

Summary points

Core Surgery Curriculum – Although this was recently completely overhauled, further changes are required to incorporate generic professional capabilities and bring it in line with all other curricula. An options appraisal has been completed and the changes will be going before the GMC in the latter part of 2019, with the new curriculum expected in 2020.

Multi-consultant report – This will form part of the assessment tools available for the new curriculum and is under development on ISCP.

E-logbook – Work is underway to consolidate e-logbook codes in such a way that it is easier to see experience gained during core surgery and present this in a way that is helpful for specialty recruitment.

IST – Plans for the rollout of IST into T&O, together with the rapid expansion of IST posts in Urology and General Surgery were discussed, with questions being raised about the speed of the rollout in relation to the results of the pilot study, and concerns about the evolving standards for training time and the use of the wider workforce. Discussions also took place around run-through training, since IST and run-through are not currently synonymous. Further debate took place about the need for generic core surgical programmes to accommodate the needs of the undecided surgeon, and the significant minority who enter non-surgical specialist training after CT2.

JCST - Exception reporting – Trainees are encouraged to exception report both training issues and hours/support issues as this data is very helpful in quality management at all levels. Click on the link for JCST statement.

Quality Assurance - GMC National training survey – The survey was still underway at the time of writing. The results will be available to view at [GMC NTS](#). The committee reviewed the core –specific questions for the next GMC survey, and also agreed updates to the core QIs.

Recruitment – This data was still under embargo at the time of the meeting; however it was noted that there had been an increase in the number of applicants, so it was hoped that this would result in a good fill rate. Northern Ireland had, as in the previous year, run a separate recruitment process.

Bullying and Harassment – CSTAC believes that bullying and harassment have no place in surgery and recommend that all trainers undertake the RCSEd e-modules which can be found on the [Anti-Bullying and Undermining Campaign](#) pages along with other resources for trainers and trainees.

The Right Placement and Right Trainer for the Right Trainee better ensures excellence in training and an enjoyable experience for trainees.

Useful contacts and quick links:

[JCST - contact us](#)
[JCST – Core Surgery Quality Indicators](#)

[ISCP - Contact us](#)
[JCST/ISCP Youtube channel](#)
[Core Surgery Curriculum](#)
[CT2 ARCP checklist](#)

[Gold Guide](#)

[AoMRC Mandatory cost of training document](#)

[Improving Surgical Training \(IST\)](#)

[LTFT Training in Surgery](#)

Upcoming Dates

Next CSTAC meeting, RCSEng 20/09/2019

Next MRCS examination

Part A dates (Deadline)

03/09/2019 (21/06/2019)

Part B OSCE dates (Deadline)

LONDON 07-18/10/2019 (19/07/2019)
GLASGOW 15-16/10/2019 (19/07/2019)

DO-HNS Part 1 dates (Deadline)

LONDON 02/09/2019 (21/06/2019)

DO-HNS OSCE dates (Deadline)

GLASGOW 22-24/10/2019 (02/08/2019)

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