

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

Quality assurance

The GMC national training survey has been published. To get the results go [here](#) then follow access on-line reporting tool > view trainee results.

The survey this year was much shorter than normal and focused on the impact of COVID. As a specialty we do well with clinical supervision both in and out of hours but less well on questions relating to workload and well being.

Though not surprising, perhaps the most striking finding is the very large number of trainees reporting that their training has been affected by COVID. A recent review of logbook data has also shown a 40% reduction in Neurosurgical trainee operative activity comparing June 2019 to June 2020. We must do everything we can to get trainees operating.

This year the quality assurance committee of JCST will be producing feedback reports to send to training programmes that summarises this and other data.

National selection 2021 and workforce planning

The 2021 national selection details are [here](#). In 2021 shortlisting and selection will both be undertaken remotely. Shortlisting is on 15th Jan, selection is on 18th and 19th March. Consultants - if you can help a registration site has been set up – for details please ask someone in your unit who has done it before and will have been sent the details or contact Mel at Neurosurgeryrec.yh@hee.nhs.uk

The number of run-through jobs is still not completely finalised but is likely to be in the region of 13-16 in England and 2 in the devolved nations. There will also be 5 academic trainees starting in 2021.

Advanced Clinical Practitioners and Physician Associates

The Neurosurgery course for Advanced Clinical Practitioners and Physician Associates will be run remotely this year on 27th Feb and 6th Mar. Please encourage your ACPs and PAs to attend. Details will be available on the [BANN website](#) soon.

OOPs and flexible training

Trainees - most people know about OOPRs which allow you time “out of programme” to do research, but do you know about OOPE, OOPT and OOPC that allow you time out for experience, training or as a career break? See page 44 of the [gold guide](#) for details.

Less than full time training (LTFT) is another option that is available, and not just for those with caring and health reasons – see page 39 of the [gold guide](#) for details.

Useful resources can also be found on the BNTA website or contact the BNTA flexible training rep for more information; lindsey.bulleid@doctors.org.uk

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