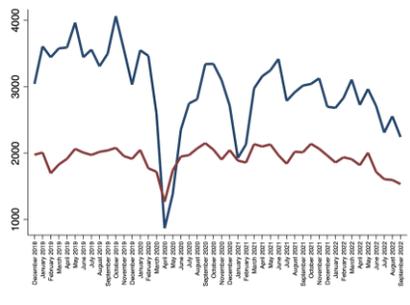


This newsletter has been designed to provide you with regular correspondence and updates from your Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC).

COVID and Training



Elective trainee operating activity is declining. It's a big concern. The graph shows eLogbook entries from Neurosurgery trainees over the past three years. Red is acute, blue is elective. The last 2-3 months data is probably a bit incomplete but the overall picture is increasingly clear and this is common to other specialties too.

The Curriculum

We have been doing OK as people get to grips with the new curriculum. Please continue doing those MCRs – you should be getting 3-4 done per annum.

ARCP outcome 10.1 and 10.2

ARCP outcome 10.1 and 10.2 are staying until Sept 2023 but will then disappear.

Induction Training Camps

The 2022 ST1 induction training camp was completed successfully in Preston at the end of August.

The ST3 induction training camp in Coventry is now booked for 13th – 18th February 2023. Any trainers who can help please contact Mr Saxena or Mr Solanki.

The ST7 finishing school has been cancelled this year due to lack of demand.

SAC positions

We are about to advertise for several new liaison members to join the SAC – please consider [applying](#) if you are a consultant with an interest in training. (It hasn't quite opened – please ignore the “closed” comment on the application site!

National Selection

National selection will be entirely remote again this year. If you are applying see the [Yorkshire deanery website](#) for details, applications close on 1st Dec.

JCST interface fellowships

The spinal TIG has now become post-CCT and has been renamed as a “JCST interface fellowship”. Applications should be submitted now on the [JCST website](#), the closing date is 30th Nov.

Quality Assurance – did you know?

The SACs have an important role in providing externality and feedback to postgraduate deans. Every year the SAC liaison member provides a report which goes through the JCST quality assurance team where it is combined with survey data and all this is collated and sent back to the postgraduate deans.

Curriculum

[2021 Curriculum](#)

Quality assurance

[JCIE exam results](#)

[Quality Indicators](#)

[GMC survey](#)

Workforce

[GMC data explorer](#)

Training resources

[Gold Guide](#)

[Ebrain](#)

[ISCP](#)

eBrain

We are trying to get away from the annual exam in June due to low uptake and attendance and instead establish a question bank which will be available on demand.

There is also a push towards developing an ST7-8 course and we are in the processing of trying to develop a 'video lecture' series and add to the growing number of podcasts.

We are well on course to ensure a 3 yearly revision of all modules.

Please do get a login and password to make use of this exceptional resource. Ebrain is free for SBNS members

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