

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

### GMC Survey

The national training survey was delayed this year but has now closed, we are awaiting publication of the results. This has become one of the most important indicators of quality in training programmes. The results will be published [here](#).

### Independent sector training

There is a big push to get trainees into private sector hospitals to operate on NHS patients. NHS England, NHS Improvement, Health Education England and the colleges have all been busy organising this, so activity should now be indemnified and recognised for training. The key documents supporting this initiative are [here](#). Private hospital operating lists are frequently superb training environments, we should grasp this opportunity.

### Intercollegiate Specialty Examination

COVID has had a major impact on exams. The next FRCS part 2 examination is planned for November, part 1 and part 2 examinations are planned for the Spring. Priority will be given to those who are close to CCT. Please see the [JCIE website](#) for details.

### National Selection 2021 and Workforce Planning

In 2021 application and shortlisting for national selection are expected to be similar to previous years. However due to COVID, the current plan for 2021 (which is subject to change) is to replace the selection centre with a remote interview.

As last year, a cap on recruitment numbers will be applied again in 2021 to help reduce the excess numbers of people with CCT but no consultant job.

### eBrain ST3/4 course

The modular ST3 course, now in its second year, has been extended to cover both ST3 and ST4 trainees. It commenced in September with a new topic covered every month. It is a lot of work to put this together, the content is excellent. Many thanks to Mr Mukerji, Anand Pandit and all the contributors. If you are an ST3 or ST4 and are not enrolled in this course please contact [admin@ebrain.net](mailto:admin@ebrain.net)

### Induction Simulation Training Dates

The ST1 induction simulation training will run virtually between the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 1<sup>st</sup> October. This is being led by Ankur Saxena and Arup Ray. There is a very good programme, however where possible local demonstration of the practical skills would be helpful.

Sadly the ST3 training camp and ST7 finishing school have been cancelled for this year. The extended scope practitioners course that normally runs in January is likely to go ahead in a virtual format.

### Curriculum links

[ISCP: New curriculum](#)

[Neurosurgery curriculum \(current\)](#)

### Quality Assurance

[JCIE - FRCS examination results](#)

[Quality Indicators](#)

[GMC survey data explorer](#)

### Workforce

[GMC data explorer](#)

### Training resources

[Gold Guide](#)

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### BNTA appointments

<b>BNTA chair</b>	Neeraj Kalra
<b>Secretary</b>	tbc
<b>SAC</b>	Alex Boukas
<b>SAC (LTFT)</b>	Lindsey Bulleid
<b>Academic</b>	Aswin Chari
<b>ASiT</b>	Cathal Hannan
<b>ASiT</b>	Joe Merola
<b>Treasurer</b>	Chris Millward
<b>Informatics</b>	Marina Pitsika
<b>Post CCT</b>	Dan Brown

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