

Change in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery training

The GMC has recently approved a change in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery training. Taking effect from August 2017, the pilot study into run through training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has been approved as a permanent route into training in the specialty, alongside entry after completing Core Surgical Training through the decoupled route. Run through trainees in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery complete the standard Core Surgical Training curriculum competencies in the ST1 and ST2 training years, before progressing to ST3 on satisfactory completion of competencies and passing both sections of the MRCS. Some may gain these competencies within their ST1 year alone, and consequently progress to ST3. This change provides trainees with greater flexibility in their training choices, as well as providing greater flexibility for the specialty in offering an earlier entry point to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at ST1 level. All Deaneries and HEE Local Offices may now choose, if they wish, to establish run through programmes in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery alongside those regions which have been running such programmes within the pilot study.