

## Health Education England

## **KSS Trainee Engagement Forum Minutes**

Wednesday, 19th January 2022, 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Chair: Charlotte Wyeth (CWy)

Dean: Sent apologies

Deputy Dean: Chris Warwick (CWa)

Notetaker: Charlotte Porter- Business Management Support Officer KSS (CP)

Attendees from Trainees: Ebunoluwa Okusanaya, Patrick Bogue, Marissa Wilson, Priya Sarnobat, Chris Bodimeade, Masaad El-Sayed, Rebecca Watters, Fumni, Christian Ozim, Crystal Hamel-Smith, Vitus Ihesie. Oluwabusola Osokoya,

Attendees from KSS: Jon Nodding, Marc Terry (MT), Liz Fidler, Sarah Stanbridge, Sarah Rafferty, Amelia Amon

Items	Actions
12:30-13:00 Trainees only	
The key points noted were:	
<ul> <li>Charlotte Wyeth (CWy) introduced herself and the forum</li> <li>CWy advised that they would be really grateful for the thoughts of trainees on what was introduced in their trusts during Covid that made their lives better (and are these still in place or were they taken away), examples of these would be great.</li> <li>A question was raised around the rum</li> <li>our of 600 more posts being released in Scotland but with no announcement. To be raised with Deanery team.</li> <li>Training needs following on from COVID brought up again. Flexibility asked for from Deanery at ARCPs and the requirements.</li> <li>Mileage claims problems were raised amongst the trainees.</li> <li>Trainees shared the problems being experienced with study leave for mandatory training – struggling to get time back</li> <li>Regional training days - general surgery training finding portal hard to use. Lots of training isn't timetabled and the majority being out of hours.</li> <li>It was shared from a Surgical prize giving day that Surgical trainees have concerns with inadequacy of training opportunities across KSS. These include no timetable, PGMDE portal is problematic - out of date, confusing, not helpful and lots of the training is happening outside of the contracted hours such as evenings.</li> <li>Was asked that dates and times to be communicate to trainees a lot earlier. Charlotte Porter explained the Deanery process. CP to action.</li> <li>Several trainees raised the point of claiming back times/ days from attending mandatory training which is scheduled at weekend/ on your day off. CW confirmed the arrangements for claiming days back.</li> <li>CWy shared that since COVID lots of trusts are giving library access to tablets computers to access online study leave.</li> </ul>	CP

Deanery team joined the meeting at 1pm. Chris Warwick (CWa) gave apologies from Graeme Dewhurst.

A presentation was given on Quality and the GMC NTS, this was delivered by Sarah Stanbridge. A copy of the presentation is attached.

The **following questions/topics** were raised to the Deanery team lead from CWy and answered as follows:

MT and CWy

**PMGDE- regional day training links-** hard to know which ones booked onto, not user friendly. MT and CWy to pick up outside of the meeting.

**Mileage claims-** It was advised that this is an employee responsibility in first case, between the BMA and trusts. Clarity was given that the limit on the number of days isn't to limit how much you can claim but to limit the number of days trainees are asked to travel. Reassurance was given for trainees to pick these issues up with DMEs or TPDs who can provide support with these issues.

MT, CWy and CW

**Study leave on days off-** Guidance was given that this is a local issue with trainees employee. CWy advised it has been fed back that information is coming out way too late on regional training days. MT to pick up with CWy outside of meeting and CW to pick this up and raise with HOS.

SR clarified that we are talking about study leave that training programmes say that you should attend not trust requirements.

**ARCPs**- CWy advised that trainees have reported nervousness around ARCPs, and concerns over training requirements and the impact of COVID. MT provided reassurance that once any guidance has been agreed with colleges it will be communicated out to trainees. Reassurance was given that every trainee is supported and looked at on individual basis.

It was suggested that a reassuring message could be sent out to all trainees. CWa advised trainees not to leave to ARCPs to have conversation about any worries.

**HST posts**- CWy advised that a question was raised around the rumour of 600 more posts being released but with no announcement. Communicated to Scottish trainees and not English trainees.

SR advised that a really big expansion has been going on across KSS region, within Foundation and other specialties, however this knowledge hasn't been fed to down to trainees. Reassurance was given that trainees from Scotland aren't coming to take trainees' posts, it is additional recruitment. MT gave reassurance that no trainee will be disadvantaged.

No AOB.

Next meeting: Wednesday 23rd February 2022