

Flexible Portfolio Training

A one stop reference guide and application form link for FPT in Kent, Surrey and Sussex

Flexible portfolio training (FPT) is designed to meet the demand for flexible training. It offers the opportunity for specialty trainees (post Foundation Programme) to have 20% of their time (one day a week WTE) protected to work on a pathway as agreed between the Trust and the local NHSE PGME office.

Pathway strands include:

- Medical Education
- Quality/Service Improvement
- Clinical Informatics
- Research
- Innovation

There is no additional national funding coupled with FPT. The Trust will continue to receive tariff for 1 WTE and the doctor in training will work 0.8 WTE clinically and 0.2 WTE on their portfolio strand.

Allocation to an FPT programme can occur at **3 possible stages**:

- **At time of offer** of a Specialty Training Post.
- After offer of Specialty Training Post **prior to start of post**.
- **For existing trainee in a Specialty Training Post:**

At this stage the doctor in training must undertake the steps outlined below and complete the [application form](#)



Additional information on FPT

Guidance for local office: [FPT Guidance - Local Offices .docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)



Guidance for Doctors in Training: [FPT Guidance - Doctors in Training .docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)



Next Steps for Doctor in Training Post

1. Ensure you have read and understood the guidance for Doctors in Training above.
2. Discuss with your Trust contact and confirm that they will allow you 20% time to do FPT (providing them with the FPT guidance above)
3. Find an FPT supervisor (this is an individual in addition to your existing supervisor who has expertise in the theme you will be following) and develop a project outline.
4. Gain permission from your Training Programme Director and Head of School.
5. Complete application.

For queries on FPT in KSS please contact Ruth Silverton on...

Additional flexibility offers:

Less Than Full Time Training: [Less Than Full Time training - Working across Kent, Surrey and Sussex \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#). Please note that FPT is accessible to LTFT trainees, with the 20% portfolio project being adjusted based on working hours.

Out of Programme: [Out of Programme - Working across Kent, Surrey and Sussex \(hee.nhs.uk\)](#)