

## HEE NEY COVID 19 Update Bulletin 18<sup>th</sup> March

This update covers education and training actions

### Resources for Acute Care Cross Training

<https://icmanaesthesiacovid-19.org/cross-skilling>

With increasing critical care demand, it may be that mixed teams of anaesthetists, intensivists, surgeons, physicians work with nursing and AHP staff from a variety of backgrounds to care for patients in differing environments. Local adaptation of teams will be required depending on local critical care and other service demands. Additional support should be identified in advance of being required to assist with the delivery of critical care services. Local surge protocols should be in place for this eventuality.

### Doctors in Training:

#### Communications to doctors in training

Regular communications with doctors in training is occurring on a rolling basis. Doctors in training are encouraged to report any concerns to their TPD/Head of School and trust Director of Medical Education in order to consider what needs to be done. HEE is supporting winter pressures safely through managed education and training programmes guidance.

Redeployment of Foundation doctors from community to acute providers, as needed. Redeployment of other grades of junior doctors as needed by acute providers.

[The guidance is here](#) (national)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 Rotation

The default position is that this will now NOT occur. Please let us know if any concerns.

The letter can be found [here](#)

#### ARCPs

These will occur but by virtual panels and feedback does not need to be given face to face even for non-standard outcomes. Guidance for this will be sent out on a rolling basis.

Educational supervisor reports may become crucial, can we encourage supervisors to make sure that they are as good as they can be.

There will be no Penultimate Year Assessments (PYA's) - see letter [here](#) (national with local implementation)

#### Recruitment and selection centres

Many of these are being cancelled with information to be found on HEE's website here:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/coronavirus-information-trainees>

Other methods are being developed by HEE nationally, as national processes are still required.

#### Medical Schools Council

Plans are in place to graduate as many doctors as possible where it is safe to do so with an update [here](#).

### **HEE National Statement on Study Leave**

The study leave document is [here](#) (national)

Trainees should endeavour to obtain a refund for any pre-booked expenses. If they are unable to do so we will honour the claim, but they should provide evidence when they submit their claim that the expense was non-refundable.

All requests for study leave time not taken during the outbreak will be properly considered by the employers and Postgraduate deans and will be subject to the need to maintain NHS services, and training requirements for completion of programmes.

When organisations cancel courses and training, can the Postgraduate dean and their team please ensure that provision for essential courses such as ALS is still available to ensure patient safety remains a priority. We are asking all parties to be flexible both during and after this difficult time.

### **Academic Doctors In Training**

Have been asked to return to the clinical service

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Letter%20to%20medical%20academic%20trainees%20and%20medical%20trainees.pdf>

### **Dentists in Training**

All four nations have taken a decision to cancel all non-essential teaching with immediate effect. Alternative modes of delivery are being explored. [Letter is here.](#)

### **Quality Processes**

Routine quality visits have been cancelled. Quality issues will still require monitoring and this will be done as pragmatically and supportively as possible.

Though many have cancelled all training and education events can we please ensure that vital training such as resuscitation are provided where needed.

F2 doctors that are being redeployed may need this.

All doctors in training still require an induction and appropriate supervision.

The GMC National Training survey has been postponed.

### **Multi-professional Training Needs**

Students on Placement are encouraged to liaise with both their placement provider and their HEI, to seek both support and the latest guidance.

### **Simulation Training**

National scoping is occurring on what HEE could provide.

Simulation guidance can be found [here](#).

### **Health Care Science Recruitment**

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic Health Education England and the National School of Healthcare Science have made the decision to cancel the interview event for admission to the Scientist Training Programme. The interview event was due to take place between 23 March and 23 April with a total of 1100 applicants being interviewed by over 450 scientists.

Given the ongoing situation, it will not be able to organise another interview event on this scale in time for admission to the programme in September and we will, therefore, look to develop an alternative selection process urgently.

## North East and North Cumbria

### Bourne House

The decision has been made to close Bourne House Dental Training Centre, and all those who are affected have been contacted. This is a temporary suspension of activity of oral health learning and will be reviewed regularly. Anyone with queries regarding this can contact [June.Wright@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:June.Wright@hee.nhs.uk)

### Quality

During the time of increased system pressure, and in line with national advice we have taken the decision to stand down routine Quality activity. This includes: Annual Dean's Quality Meetings with NHS Trusts and routine visits. We will be continuing to review all Quality returns (self-assessment etc.) so we can continue the cycle at a later date. We will be in touch later in the year.

### Cumbria North East System Response

We are attending and feeding into the system response (and control meetings), both to provide current advice and guidance around education and training as well as to help support a system response from an education and training perspective.

### Newcastle University

Newcastle University has stopped all face to face teaching and all clinical teaching apart from for final year students. They continue in assistantships and the University hope they will be helpful in the clinical environment. Students have been asked to prioritise sign off for GMC practical skills.

## Yorkshire and Humber

### Quality

During the time of increased system pressure, and in line with national advice we have taken the decision to postpone our Monitoring the Learning environment meetings and other quality interventions. However, the ones where we are interviewing trainees due to a high level of risk, we are continuing using a Skype option. The Self-Assessment Returns should be completed as planned with a return date of 10 April, however, if an extension is needed please let us know via the quality team in box [QualityTeam-YH@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:QualityTeam-YH@hee.nhs.uk)

The usual escalation of concerns processes apply via your usual contacts.

### Further Information

To help track and coordinate responses, please direct queries or issues to:

Yorkshire and Humber [QualityTeam-YH@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:QualityTeam-YH@hee.nhs.uk)

North East and Cumbria [Quality.NE@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:Quality.NE@hee.nhs.uk)

## Useful on-line resources

**HEE's national update page:**

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/coronavirus-information-trainees>

**HEE NE's update page**

<https://madeinheene.hee.nhs.uk/PG-Dean/COVID-19-HEE-NE-Information>

**The Lancet – COVID 19 Resource Centre - Clinical Information open access**

<https://www.thelancet.com/coronavirus>

**UK Government**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

**General Medical Council**

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/guidance-regarding-medical-education-and-training-supporting-the-covid-19-response>

**General Medical Council**

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/coronavirus-information-and-advice>

**General Dental Council**

<https://www.gdc-uk.org/information-standards-guidance/covid-19-latest-guidance>

**Heath and Care Professions Council**

<https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registrants/updates/2020/how-we-will-continue-to-regulate-in-light-of-novel-coronavirus/>

**Nursing and Midwifery Council**

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/how-we-will-continue-to-regulate-in-light-of-novel-coronavirus/>

**Simulation**

<https://stel.bmj.com/content/early/2020/03/11/bmjstel-2020-000609/>

**World Health Organisation**

COVID-19 Online training and simulation

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/>

<https://openwho.org/courses/>