**Trainers’ Group Minutes – 23rd October 2014**

**Present:** Sharif Uddin, John Tabor, Lisa Collins, Shahid Munshi, Julian Page, John Tabor, Julie McMillen, Richard Simpson, Zafar Choudhury, Rachel Jesudas, Golda Parker, Dharmesh Mistry, Nick Pendleton (TPD and Chair)

**Apologies:** Anne Brickwood, Adrian Haslam, Antoni Pomian, Sumit Guhathakurta, George Ogden, Niruban Ratnarajah, Anne Hawkridge, Stuart Murray (AD), Angus Kirby, Ian Hamer, Julian Tomkinson

NP updated the group about the **recent ST1 Trainee Allocation process** and explained that there had been a 15% drop in new Trainees joining the programme (17 rather than the usual 20). This is consistent with recruitment figures nationally. There will be a third round of recruitment occurring hoping to produce further trainees in February 2015. Reported figures suggest that this may only produce at most a 1% increase in numbers.

**Bolton ST1 Allocations:** During the local allocation process incoming ST1 trainees are asked to rate the hospital tracks and GP practice placements in order of preference and if more than one trainee wishes to do a particular post the trainee with the higher scores at recruitment gets their first choice. The process aims to be fair and transparent and trainers who have not been allocated an ST1 trainee this time will be prioritised to be offered any extra trainees joining the programme and in the allocation process for August 2015.

**The Mock CSA** is on 10th December at Crompton Health Centre and will follow the usual format. Lunch is available from 12.30. Trainers will be paid £100 for attending and can add the experience to their training CPD portfolio. If anybody else wishes to be an assessor please contact Julian Page page00@btinternet.com

**COT calibration:** The group participated in a COT calibration and a valuable and interesting discussion ensued. We will continue to do this exercise twice yearly.

**Ideas for future meetings:**

Manu Jeyam has suggested that it would be useful to discuss how practices approach educational and clinical supervision when there are multiple trainees in the practice.

Lisa Collins will kindly feedback from the November Trainers Conference.

Julian Tomkinson has been taking part in the new Trainer reaccreditation panels and it would be useful to have some feedback about this process.

The convener/chair role is now funded at £250 per session. If anybody wishes to convene and chair a Trainers Group or several groups please contact NP.

The next Trainers group is scheduled for Thurday 4th December 2014 at 7pm at the Education Centre.