Swindon GP Training Programme

HDRC – Attendance information for Trainees

Half Day Release Course (HDRC) Teaching will generally be on Wednesday Mornings and will be for ST1, ST2 and ST3 together

Teaching will be 9.00 am – 12.30pm and it is anticipated that you attend for the entire session (not part of a session)

**Week 1** of the month will be for *trainees in GP placements only*

**Week 2, 3 and 4** will be ST1/2/3 teaching (all combined – see below for more details)

**Week 5** with be self directed study and preparation, there will be an expectation that this is completed by all ST3’s and a hope that it will be completed for other trainees in GP placements.

Teaching format/details:

**Week 1** (ST1’s in GP, ST2’s in GP, ST3’s) These are virtual Patch Tutorials held in the 6 Mentor groups and are hosted by one of the Trainees.

**For weeks 2, 3 and 4**, there will be a format of joint working initially with Case of the Week (COW), Website of the Week (WOW), Rash of the Week (ROW), Politics of the Week (POW), Soapbox of the Week (SOW), Journal of the Week (JOW), News of the Week (NOW), then moving on to presentations (mainly by ST2/3’s or external speakers) and then breakout groups for discussion

**Week 2** will be ROW/WOW/POW etc, Speaker then Pastoral groups (At the start of the year, each trainee will be assigned a Mentor who will be there for any pastoral needs and these will be mixed year groups.)

**Week 3** will be ROW/WOW/POW etc, Speaker, There will often then be a SET course in the afternoon,

**Week 4** will be ROW/WOW/POW etc, Speaker, followed by Groups split by Exam stage of training (eg Pre-AKT, pre CSA, post CSA)

**Week 5** will be Self directed study and preparation

Attendance – Which sessions do you need to go to:

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| Week | Format | Who needs to attend |
| Week 1 | Patch Tutorials – hosted by trainees in their Mentor groups | ST1, ST2 and ST3 Trainees in GP posts only\* |
| Week 2 | Joint working, OWS, Presentations/Speakers, then breakout discussion in Mentor groups | ST1, ST2 and ST3 trainees in GP posts\* ST1, ST2, ST3 in Hospital posts – *please prioritise attendance at this session* where possible \*\* |
| Week 3 | Joint working, OWS, Presentations/Speakers, then breakout discussion in mixed groups | ST1, ST2 and ST3 trainees in GP posts\* ST1, ST2, ST3 in Hospital posts where possible \*\* |
| Week 4 | Joint working, OWS, Presentations/Speakers, then breakout discussion in EXAM stage groups | ST1, ST2 and ST3 trainees in GP posts\* ST1, ST2, ST3 in Hospital posts – *please prioritise attendance at this session* where possible \*\* |
| Week 5 | No Teaching – Private study | ALL ST3 TRAINEES ST1 and ST2 trainees in GP Placements where possible |

\*Trainees in GP placements (ST1, ST2 and ST3) should attend all sessions

\*\*ST1’s and 2’s in Hospital placements should prioritise attendance at week 2 first, week 4 second priority and week 3 as third priority,

We understand that you won’t be able to be released from your departments for all of the teaching sessions, The minimum expected amount is 50% and we would hope that you can attend more on average (We understand that some rota’s are much more flexible than others) The departments have been advised of these changes.

Please note:

All change brings potential challenges and we will adapt the programme to address these if they occur, Currently the Health Education England (HEE) mandate is that teaching remains virtual at this time, social distancing and mandatory use of clinical facemasks will remain in place at the hospital site until further notice.