**Study Leave for DiTs in GP Training**

Trainees get **30 days study leave** per annum and days of **attendance at half day release are deducted from this**. This is generally in the order of 15 days per year, but the exact number and type of teaching sessions offered by each programme may vary. LTFT trainees are entitled to **pro rata** study leave time (i.e. a trainee working at 80% will be entitled to 24 days study leave per 12 months).

**Cat 1:** **Required within the curriculum** and unable to achieve competences through their training programme or regional teaching.  These courses will usually be fully funded. These will be 100% funded.

**Cat 2: Enhanced knowledge** – not recognised as a requirement for the trainee’s curriculum, however activities will help the trainee complete parts of the curriculum. It is expected that those applying for these courses will have met their core curriculum competencies for their stage of training. These will be **75% funded.**

**Cat 3:** **Career Progression** - these courses should only be required at the latter stage of training. These courses should only be approved for funding if the trainee has achieved their core curriculum competencies for their stage of training.  These will be **50% funded.**

\*All courses for which funding is being sought (excluding mandatory training and half day release course) should be on PDP and have ES approval and Category III also needs APD approval; it is expected that those applying for these courses will have met their core curriculum competencies for their stage of training.

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| **CAT I**  **GREEN** | **CAT II**  **AMBER** | **CAT III**  **PURPLE** | **RED** |
| Attendance at half day release (no request needed – automatically taken from SL entitlement. | Dermoscopy course (basic level GP relevant course, equipment not funded) | Minor Surgery (basic level GP appropriate course) | ALS or PLS |
| BLS/AED Courses required for MRCGP (should be able to get through hospital or GP jobs for free) | Severn RCGP/HEE Careers Fair | DFSRH – Clinical training, coil training, implant training will usually be supported up to a maximum cost of £400  The examination costs and membership are not covered. | Integrative medicine |
| Safeguarding courses required for MRCGP Adult and Child Level 3 (should be able to get through HDR/Training hub/hospital training/LMC for free or low cost) | Next Generation GP Courses/Conference | Attendance at a non-GP conference with relevance to primary care e.g. SW diabetes conference – 1 during GP training subject to good clinical progression and approval AD. | Smear takers code (please note there is a free course available on eLearning for health |
| Severn Faculty RCGP AKT AND SCA preparation courses (1 of each course per trainee).  Up to five days can be taken for private study for exams each year. | Some Leadership Courses |  | DRCOG/DCH revision course/exams |
| IMG/SPEX support programmes |  |  | PGCERTs/Masters not usually supported |
| General update courses e.g. NB Medical or Red Whale (1 per trainee during training, ideally in ST2/3) |  |  | Bristol maternal and foetal medicine annual conference |
| One day, single curriculum area, knowledge update courses e.g. One day essentials from RCGP.  (2 per trainee per ST year) |  |  | British association of psychopharmocology |
| Additional exam preparation courses: For those who have had an unsuccessful attempt at AKT/SCA, a one day course may be considered – these are reviewed case by case. |  |  | Train the trainer |
| GP/Primary Care Conferences such as RCGP conference: Attendance is usually CAT I for a ‘presenting DiT’. |  | GP/Primary Care Conferences such as RCGP conference: DiTs not presenting are considered on discretion of their AD and one attendance during training at 50% funding may be awarded. | Expedition Medicine |

**Professional leave:**  Up to **5 days** an academic year. **Only to be taken in GP placements**. Examples of opportunities: job interviews for NHS, attendance at committee meetings, the Modular Supervisor Course (MoSC)  or EESC to help trainers, Educational Supervisor approvals, Quality Panels and other similar activities.

**For more information and the application process:**

<https://primarycare.severndeanery.nhs.uk/training/trainees/leave/hesw-gp-study-leave-guidance/>

**Examples of Courses/Experience other DiTs have undertaken:**

* GP Wellbeing Day (various providers, RCGP, Humble)
* PCDS Dermoscopy <https://www.pcds.org.uk/events/dermoscopy> - 1 day, face to face in London
* Online Dermoscopy Education - BNSSG Training Hub https://www.bnssgtraininghub.com/online\_dermoscopy/ - 3 half days online
* GP Red Whale Update course https://www.gp-update.co.uk/ - Online or face-to-face in London- 1 day course
* RCGP Minor Surgery Course
* RCGP Joint injection Course https://www.rcgp.org.uk/learning-resources/courses-and-events/minor-surgery
* Menopause course - Primary Women’s Trust
* Duty Doctor Simulation richard.jefferies@nhs.net  - Half day course at Engineers House
* RCGP One Day Essentials https://www.rcgp.org.uk/learning-resources/courses-and-events/one-day-essentials  - various online 1 day courses
* HEE Mentoring Course - 3 days online
* Observing at Bristol Drugs Project
* Observing different secondary care clinics