

SAC REPORT TO BAPS, JULY 2017

SAC: Paediatric Surgery

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Report

1 Items for Discussion at JCST

Draft paper on General Surgery of Childhood been distributed for vies to SAC chairs in Urology, General Surgery and Paediatric Surgery. Split between elective and acute surgery. My take: no interest in developing elective GSC from General Surgery trainees and so in future, this may need to be provided by tertiary centres doing out-reach work. Urology still keen but struggling to provide operative numbers for their trainees. ? wonder if Urology GSC will come out of their CCT requirements or become a sub-speciality interest. Acute GSC: Torsion and Appendicectomy will become be in CCT requirements for Urology and General Surgery respectively.

2 Progress Report

2.1 SAC Membership and Governance

Two members appointed, Ashok Rajimwale and Martin Flett, both attended last meeting and going through induction process. Martin will become LM for Belfast/ Dublin and Ashok LM for London Na SE. Three members demitting in 2018, Simon Clarke, Eleri Cuisick and me. There will be adverts for new SAC members and an ad for the SAC chair position. SAC roles and responsibilities will have to be reorganised as losing Logbook/ISCP lead, simulation lead and chair. QA lead (taking over selection so will need QA lead.

2.2 Selection and Recruitment

Recruitment process for 2017 held in Sheffield, Monday and Tuesday April 24-25. Same stations as last year. Ten offers made. Mistake in Y7H deanery meant some offers changed after being sent out to people ranked 8-10 (people who offered posts same but ranking altered as scores for portfolio station inputted incorrectly). Next year scores going be done on iPad, which should eliminate this possibility.

2.3 Workforce

Awaiting information from HEE as to whether reductions should be made for 2018 process.

2.4 Training Programmes and Trainee Issues

Cardiff training: Still no trainees in Cardiff. ? Review later in year for possibility of 2018 start.

London and South East: At moment will stay as is but appointments made to North and South areas to avoid excess movement of trainees, but with three 2 year placements.

Paediatric Surgery Consortium Working Group: Met as part of the SAC/TPD meeting in June. Lots of little issues ratified. Liam McCarthy presented data on index numbers in existing consortia and reconfiguration based on deanery working structure. Joining Oxford, Southampton, Bristol ± Cardiff makes a very good consortium number-wise, but has the potential to seriously affect numbers for trainees in new London and SE consortium (London Centres and Brighton). Only way to resolve this would be dramatic reduction in trainees in London (which HEE might recommend). Therefore, at moment no significant change in consortia structure. Only likely change at this point is formally joining Belfast with Edinburgh and Glasgow as Celtic consortium. I will discuss this with relevant TPDs and Belfast HoS when I visit Belfast later in year.

2.5 Curriculum and Logbook

Generic Professional Capabilities(GPCs): GMC have defined what they want and ISCP group have developed this for surgery. They have produced a curriculum framework that includes GPCs alongside clinical part of curriculum in line with GMCs “Design for Excellence” idea. The curriculum for GS and ENT has gone to GMC and will start in August. Aim is for the GPCs to be simple to assess and be essentially a documentation of what we do now: **Run an OP clinic:** Unable/ with supervision/ Independently; **Run operating list:** etc. We need to relook and redo our curriculum by 2020.

2.6 Other Matters

GMC Small Speciality Review:

(http://www.gmc-uk.org/Paediatric_Surgery_FINAL_report.pdf_66631052.pdf)

No contact from GMC about formal response or changes being made on their recommendations.

Enhanced Learning Experience (formally known as “boot camps”)

“Boot camp” will be held at Chelsea Westminster on 23-24 September. Simon Clarke leading on this and all new appointments will be invited, together with last year’s intake and those returning from period of leave.

Intercollegiate Exam

Discussion at moment about trainees meeting competencies early (and possibly getting CCT early) but therefore their eligibility to sit exam early. Currently need to have signed off Outcome 1 at St6.

Academic trainees

No space for ACFs in London and SE for next few years so looking for interest from other centres.

Bullying and Harassment

Guidelines will be issued shortly...ASiTs and BOTAs out and RCS Edinburgh have issued guidelines. Need someone in each centre to be able to support trainees and who the trainees feel they can go to.

Trainee ISCP Fee

Meeting dates

We have 3 meetings a year and dates adjusted so that they follow JCST meetings. Next meeting is in November. 2018 dates identified, but as RCS England closing for renovations, site not sorted for all and so may be subject to change.