

Trainee News

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HEE Covid-19 Resurge Guidance

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End of Year Messages from our Medical Director and Postgraduate Dean



Dear Colleague,

Below is a link to a message from Wendy Reid, our Medical Director.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank you for the amazing efforts everyone has made to respond to the pandemic and treat all patients during this exceptional year. As Wendy says, we recognise the significant and ongoing disruption to training and will strive to rectify this individually and collectively as quickly as possible. Within the current restrictions I wish you a very happy Christmas and hope you are able to have some relaxation time over the Christmas and new year breaks. If this presents challenges some links to support are also attached.

Wendy Reid's message: <https://youtu.be/HNoWc2yr5-o>

Happy Christmas

Russell

Russell Smith
Postgraduate Dean

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Changes to Relocation and Excess Travel arrangements

Following the implementation of HEE's national guidance on Relocation and Excess Travel on 1 November 2020, a meeting was arranged between HEE in the Midlands and local BMA representatives and Regional Junior Doctor Committee representatives to discuss how this would affect trainees in the region.

We met on 11 December to discuss three main groups of trainees:

- ♦ Group 1 – trainees who commenced new programmes in August, for whom the new national framework applies (1 November 2020)
- ♦ Group 2 – trainees who were already in a programme before August, for whom the 'interim' 2019/20 guidance applies
- ♦ Group 3 – a small number of trainees in the East Midlands who were approved to remain on the East Midlands 2007 policy

Group 1

For this group, we know that employers are working to ensure that this guidance is being applied from 1 November onwards. There may be a slight delay in updating systems, but work is underway and we are expecting no issues.

Group 2

For this group, the largest group, it has been agreed that we would seek to implement the national framework as soon as possible – we discussed the possibility of asking employers if it might also be possible for the national framework to be backdated to 1 November for trainees in this group and are actively pursuing this option – we will know more when we have engaged with employers further in the new year.

Group 3

Earlier this year, around sixty-five trainees were approved to remain on the East Midlands 2007 policy. In our meeting on 11 December, we agreed that we would engage with this group of trainees in order to ascertain their intentions. We will communicate with this group separately and will confirm a date by which all requests to remain on the 2007 policy should be received at HEE.

Finally, we also discussed plans to provide updates to trainees and employers of the amounts reimbursed to date – we felt that this would be a useful way of reminding you how much you had claimed to date, and giving you notice of when you might be approaching the limit. We already collect all information on reimbursements from employers in order to manage the payments back to Trusts. We agreed that plans being drawn up in my team in this respect would be welcomed. We expect to have completed these developments in the next two to three months.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please direct your queries to our dedicated Relocation mailbox – it is monitored on a daily basis. The address is Relocation.ME@hee.nhs.uk.

We look forward to engaging with you and your employers further and are grateful to your representatives for their contribution to this important topic.