

# **Health Education England West Midlands School of Paediatrics Newsletter**

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## Message from Head of School

Welcome to the October newsletter from the School of Paediatrics.

This is a mammoth newsletter with lots of really exciting opportunities – please have a good look and see if there are any positions or courses that appeal to you. We constantly need new ideas in the School, so that we can keep improving on the training opportunities we can offer – and by taking up one of these posts you will be in a position to influence education.

This month we have our West Midlands PAFTAs. I'm sorry that I'm not going to be there, as it is going to be wonderful to get together face to face and celebrate success. If you are free on October 19<sup>th</sup> please come along to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Finally, this is the time of the year when PGDiTs apply for GRID. Thank you to those who have already submitted their requests to me. The format has changed this year and it's taking me a little longer to complete the forms – so please can you ensure you send me the request on Kaizen in good time.

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I look forwards to speaking to you again in November.

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## Media Information

Postgraduate doctors website: [www.westmidlandspaediatrics.com](http://www.westmidlandspaediatrics.com)

*If you would like to add something to the website or feel that you have a topic or group that would benefit from a webpage, then please let the WMPaeds Trainee Committee know.*

Email address: [westmidlandspaediatrics@gmail.com](mailto:westmidlandspaediatrics@gmail.com)

Twitter account: @WMPaeds

Facebook page: Paediatric postgraduate doctors in the West Midlands

NB: Please apply directly to join the Facebook Group and answer the security questions.

Inviting others to join prevents people from joining, as they do not have access to the security questions.

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## ST1 (Paediatrics) Regional date changing in December

You'll know that the ST1 Regional teaching is always held on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. In December it will fall on Wednesday 28 December.

As it's difficult to organise speakers over the Christmas period and staffing is reduced it has been decided to **MOVE** the session to **Wednesday 11 January 2023**.

**This will mean there are 2 ST1 days in January ONLY as there will also be the scheduled session on Wednesday 25 January 2023**

Can you please inform your rota co-ordinators/departments.

Many thanks

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## Request for shortlisters Paediatric National Recruitment 2023

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We require **Paediatric Consultants** to help with the shortlisting process of these recruitment rounds. As a shortlister you will be required to review applications and score using a scoring matrix (full guidance will be provided)

Shortlisting will take place during the following timeframes:

**ST1 National Paediatric Training** - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**ST3 & ST4 National Paediatric Training** - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

During the shortlisting window you will be allocated a set number of applications to shortlist. You do not need to be available for the whole shortlisting window but you will need to ensure all applications allocated to you have been shortlisted by the window close date. This is important to ensure we can keep to the Recruitment timeline.

If you are a Paediatric Consultant and willing to assist in this please use the links below to sign up:

**ST1 National Paediatric Training** - <https://forms.office.com/r/aQpfdTFyPK>

**ST3 & ST4 National Paediatric** - <https://forms.office.com/r/9RShR0wd1Q>

Please feel free to forward this email to any Paediatric Consultants you may think would be interested in helping.

Thank you all for your support in making Paediatric National Recruitment a success.

Any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch

[PaedsNRO@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:PaedsNRO@hee.nhs.uk)

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## **Janet Anderson Prize 2022**

**Please see attached nomination form**

You are invited to put forward nominations for this year's Janet Anderson prize. This prize has been instituted by Dr Janet Anderson on her retirement as Consultant Paediatrician. She was deeply involved in the training of paediatricians and this award bears recognition of the trainee's role.

Trainees are an integral part of our teams and many bring such great value. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to show both recognition for their contribution and appreciation for the role they play within our teams.

### **Prize:**

This is a competitive prize to be awarded annually to a specialty trainee.

A further award will be available for Foundation year trainees. Nominations and selection criteria are the same.

A panel of paediatricians will consider the nominations and select the trainee that has demonstrated the most outstanding contribution to child health in the West Midlands.

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The awards will be presented at the virtual West Midlands Paediatric Society Meeting on Friday 5th November 2021.

## Nominees:

Specialty trainee ST1-8 or FY1/2

Nominations are for individual trainees.

A joint nomination will be considered if more than one trainee has worked together and the contribution is as a result of this combined partnership.

## Nominations from:

1. Consultants and Non-training Grade Doctors
2. Trainees (must be seconded by a consultant)
3. **NO** self-nominations
4. Each nomination needs to be seconded by another Paediatrician: Consultant, Non-training Grade, Trainee or a Paediatric Nurse.

## Selection criteria:

1. We are looking to award the prize to a trainee who has contributed most in any area that may include patient care, training and education, peer support and pastoral care, representation of colleagues, service development, and clinical governance.
2. Research activity will be considered if this was translated into activity that directly contributed into the above areas for the trainee's team or unit. There are separate prizes for academic contribution to paediatrics so focussing the nomination on the trainee's research activities will not be to their advantage.

## Please complete the attached nomination form and send to:

Ruth Witcombe, Postgraduate Administrator, Birmingham Children's Hospital. Please ensure you type "Janet Anderson prize 2022" in the subject field of your email. [ruth.witcombe@nhs.net](mailto:ruth.witcombe@nhs.net)

**Closing date for nominations:** Nominations will not be accepted after **5pm, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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## **A Nugget About Supported Return To Training (SuppoRTT) from Anna Darbyshire – HEE SuppoRTT Clinical Fellow**

**-What is SuppoRTT?** Supported Return to Training (SuppoRTT) is a centrally funded, locally run, Health Education England (HEE) programme which aims to support **ALL** postgraduate doctors to **SAFELY** and **CONFIDENTLY** return to training after a sustained period of absence.

**-Who is SuppoRTT for?** SuppoRTT is available for all postgraduate doctors who have had a period of usually >3 months absence from training regardless of the reason. This may include parental leave, carers leave, research, career break, illness.

**-What is the process?** Process is led by the postgraduate doctor and facilitated by ES. It includes pre-absence planning, pre-return planning and a return to training review. A bespoke package of support is devised depending on your personal needs.

**-How do I find out more?** Talk to your ES / TPD / Trust SuppoRTT Champion, or email [SuppoRTT.wm@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:SuppoRTT.wm@hee.nhs.uk)

## **Taster Days in the Children's Hospitals**

**Please see flyer attached**

We are very fortunate to have 2 Children's Hospitals in the region. If you are considering a career in a paediatric speciality – but don't know which one, please see this document which describes 'Taster days' at both organisations.

Contact details are on the document.

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## **Join the Health Education England Genomics Education Programme evaluation team**

Are you a clinician keen to know more about how to order a genomic test for your patients? And would you be willing to share your learning experience? This autumn, the Genomics Education Programme (GEP) will be launching an exciting new online course to help clinicians understand the genomic testing process for rare disease indications. The GEP are looking for clinicians who are unfamiliar with the testing process to be among the very first to complete the course and provide us with feedback. Your input will inform how we shape the course content for future learners.

This new course presents a comprehensive introduction to genomic testing for rare disease and covers both the practical aspects and the wider contexts. It is designed to be taken over two weeks, with around 3-4 hours of learning each week. Those who sign up to be course evaluators will be given a set of follow-up evaluation questions, and a payment of £100 will be offered to individuals who complete and submit their full evaluation. If you would like to join the course evaluation panel, please [complete the expression-of-interest form](#). Or if you have any questions at all, please [email the GEP team](#).

For more information about the GEP, please visit the [website](#).

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## **Trainee Clinics**

Trainee Clinics are continuing within the School of Paediatrics giving all postgraduate doctors the opportunity to request a 20-minute virtual meeting with a Training Programme Director or Head of School. This is a forum intended for discussing careers (e.g. GRID/SPIN), exams, discussion about OOPs or LTFT and other situations. In previous years we have highlighted these clinics as useful for ST2 trainees who wish to discuss careers and would be keen to do this again.

**In addition, we would like to meet with everyone who is going to be completing ST4 in summer 2023 to discuss where you move next – core or subspeciality training.**

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Please see the attached form for an easy to reference guide on how to prepare for Progress plus (thanks to the Scottish School of Paediatrics for devising this)

## ST4 Pathways for 2023

These appointments are not an opportunity for detailed E-portfolio review as this should remain something that is undertaken with your educational or clinical supervisor.

If you would like to request an appointment, please complete this form

<https://forms.office.com/r/QvFKeP5fAW>

The Faculty Support Team will then be in touch to book you an appointment should that be appropriate from the information you provide.

**The next clinic is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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## West Midlands Paediatric Trainee Committee Update:

### PAFTAs 2022

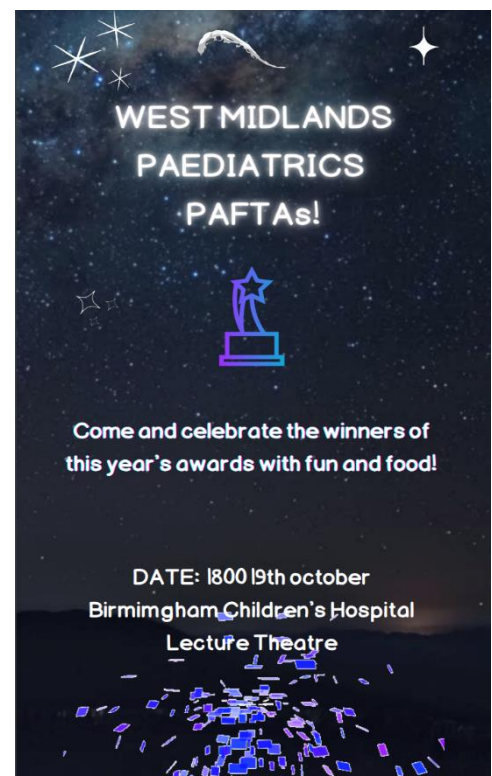
This year we have been inundated with more than 100 nominations and are pleased to announce that we can finally meet face to face to celebrate the achievements of the WMPaeds family! Join us on the 19th October at 6pm where we announce the winner of the prestigious PAFTAs!

#### **Venue:**

Birmingham Children's Hospital  
Lecture Theatre- Education Centre Lower Ground Floor  
Timing: 1800- 2000

Come and support your nominees and colleagues, food and fun will be provided!

Please contact [westmidlandspaediatrics@gmail.com](mailto:westmidlandspaediatrics@gmail.com) for any queries.



### Paediatric Peer Mentoring Programme:

#### **Help out & become a Mentor!**

We are in the second year of the Paediatric Peer Mentoring Program and are delighted that this year the majority of the ST1s have requested a mentor. We believe the one-on-one peer mentorship will really help them settle into the #WMPaedsFamily, especially as so many are new to the region and some even the country!



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We are therefore looking for new mentors, which is why we need you! The ST1s' reasons for wanting a mentor varies from general support, exam support, IMG support, GRID/SPIN, LTFT, work/life balance, research, leadership/management opportunities and beyond.

If you're interested in helping out, please email us on: [wmpaedmentoring@gmail.com](mailto:wmpaedmentoring@gmail.com)

In your email please include:

- Preferred email address for the Mentee to contact you
- Areas you are keen to mentor about based on your own experiences (if doing GRID/SPIN please specify which subspecialty)

This will help us match you up appropriately.

Thank you so much for your help - this program could not run without all our amazing mentors! All mentors will receive a certificate for their portfolio at the end of the year.



## Trainee Committee Elections: The Trainee Committee

Thank you to those who submitted applications for committee rep positions - the applications were a high standard.

The successful applicants will be contacted and announced shortly.

Thank you to all those TC representatives who are now stepping down after holding their post for 2 years - you have made a big difference to PGDiT throughout the West Midlands Paediatrics Family. Thank you for your hard work and advocacy.

## ST2/3 Holistic Trainee Development Committee – get involved!

Are you interested in medical education? Want to help design & organise monthly regional teaching sessions for the ST2 & ST3 trainees? Join us in organising the HTD sessions which aim to tackle the more challenging-to-teach aspects of trainee development including debriefing, human factors, leadership, ethics & law and other skills to prepare Level 1 trainees ahead of becoming the paediatric reg!

Get in touch to find out more: [wmpaediatricteachingst2and3@gmail.com](mailto:wmpaediatricteachingst2and3@gmail.com)

## Getting in touch:

Just a reminder that you can contact us via the 'contact us' function on the website at [www.westmidlandspaediatrics.com](http://www.westmidlandspaediatrics.com) or via email to: [westmidlandspaediatrics@gmail.com](mailto:westmidlandspaediatrics@gmail.com) The trainee representatives maintain a committee on-call rota so please be assured we will act on emails and communications promptly.



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## **IMG Support Network (IMGSN) Update:**

### **IMG trainees**

Our IMG representative, Anu, will be organising a virtual session on using Kaizen. This is particularly helpful to understand how to make the most of the portfolio system and how it can be used to prepare for appraisals or applications. If you are interested in attending this session, please email [wmimgpaediatrics@gmail.com](mailto:wmimgpaediatrics@gmail.com)

### **Paediatric IMG Group**

To all IMG trainees, we are looking for a few IMG trainees to join Anu (the IMG representative) and make plans for future projects. This is a good opportunity to develop organisational, leadership and communication skills.

If interested, please contact on [wmimgpaediatrics@gmail.com](mailto:wmimgpaediatrics@gmail.com)

Please see below some other very useful resources:

Webinar IM Induction Launch - [YouTube video of today's program](#)  
[eLearning package](#)

A guide to induction for IMGs recruited to the NHS, with generic and specialty specific content - [Print document](#)

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## **West Midlands Adolescent Health Network**

Are you interested in improving your skills when managing young people? Have you been told to improve your local transition pathways and don't know where to start? Does trying to remember what all the S's in a HEEADSSSS assessment stand for leave you feeling flustered?

We are a group of paediatric postgraduate doctors who are looking to increase the links between the health professionals in the region with an interest in adolescent health. We are initially looking for interest within paediatrics but over the next few months hope to grow the network to include other specialties and allied professions and aim to host monthly educational/networking events, via Zoom initially but hopefully graduating to regular face-to-face events.

If you're interested in taking part, whether your grade is ST1 or professor, please get in touch via [wmadolescent@gmail.com](mailto:wmadolescent@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## **Upcoming Meetings and Courses**

**LAST CHANCE TO BOOK - NEW Clinical Leadership and Management Programme featuring Quality Improvement from the Quality Improvement Clinic.**

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This is an innovative programme designed for ST5-ST8 paediatric trainees working in the West Midlands.

**Please see flyer attached**

There are still a few spaces left for the 4<sup>th</sup> cohort on our trailblazing Leadership and Management with Quality Improvement Programme. With over 70 participants to date, the Autumn 2022 programme is the last in the current series. If you are looking to secure these competencies before September 2023, now is the time to join in. The 18 week programme combines interactive on-line learning with Leadership and QI practice in the workplace as well as two full day workshops and a celebration event. It fulfils a host of level 2 competencies and provides you with great examples to share as you progress your careers.

[Clinical Leadership & Management with Quality Improvement Project, West Midlands - QIClearn](#)

The booking code you will need to use is **WMQIP\_A22**

## Study day re: QI with some focus on Children with complex medical needs

Presenting an opportunity to attend a conference with an interesting focus on improving communication and care for children with medical complexity. Clearly mapped to your paediatrics competencies for added bonus points!

In York on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> September. See you there!

<https://www.colabpartnership.org.uk/pages/CoLab-2022>

## Hands on Neonatal and Paediatric Echo-cardiography Course

**Please see attached flyer**

**Date:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

RCPCH CPD Points approved

Registration fee - £599 for two days, £399 for one day

## Experts Committee Symposium: The Long and Winding Road

**Please see attached flyer**

**Event date:** Wednesday 12 October, 9.45 – 16.10

**Location:** Birmingham Children's Hospital or remotely via MS Teams

To register your interest in this event, please click the link [Family Justice Council: Experts Committee Symposium: The Long and Winding Road \(office.com\)](#)

## Paediatric Gastroenterology & Hepatology Trainees/Taster Day 2022

**Please see attached flyer for costs and programme**

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (2-day course)

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To register, please email : [admin@bspghan.org.uk](mailto:admin@bspghan.org.uk)

## NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme (CEP) - Applications open 3rd October 2022

**Please see attached Comms Pack**

A huge thank you to all our mentors who have supported the NHS CEP this year. As we move forward, we are thrilled to announce dates for the next round of applications for the CEP, and we please ask if you could kindly share this information within your networks and to individuals who may be interested?

If this sounds like something you might be able to help with, we have produced the following comms pack, which includes details of the programme, key dates, our social media channels, a sample news article, case studies/profiles and hashtags. If you could share the suggested articles/posts and tweets etc with your network, we would be most grateful. (A word copy of the comms pack, and digital assets are available from our [website](#))

The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur programme, launched in 2016, is a workforce development programme, open to all NHS staff both clinical and non-clinical.

The programme is free, lasts 12 months, and consists of:

- Mentoring
- Pitstops
- Webinars
- Business planning session
- Networking
- CPD Accredited learning
- Invites to events and conferences

Applications are open from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022, with cohort 7 starting late February 2023.

Further details of the programme can be found attached and on our website [www.nhscep.com](http://www.nhscep.com)

Sample announcement:

***Are you an innovator in the NHS? Do you have an idea you wish to develop and scale for patient benefit? The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme might be for you!***

*The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur programme will be welcoming applications for cohort 7, from the 3rd October 2022.*

*Budding entrepreneurs can apply for this ground-breaking programme that is helping to bring innovations into the NHS and improve patient care.*

*The NHS Clinical Entrepreneur Programme, delivered by [Anglia Ruskin University](#), is the biggest entrepreneurial workforce development programme of its kind. Open to all NHS staff – both clinical and non-clinical, the programme aims to provide the commercial skills, knowledge and experience needed to successfully develop and spread innovative solutions to the challenges facing the NHS, while retaining staff.*

*This year long programme is free and open to all NHS staff. The curriculum covers all aspects of setting up and running a small business or being an intrapreneur, including attracting investors, applying for funding, communications, and legal and regulatory considerations. Guidance on how to build a start-up – and how to operate in this highly-*

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*charged environment is delivered as a series of educational events attended by industry mentors.*

*The programme aims to allow entrepreneurs to pursue their innovation without having to leave the health service, providing a wider benefit to economic growth through inward investment in the health, social care, and life science sectors. As such, the programme currently offers mentoring, bespoke commercial education, customer matching, resources, development tools and access to a community of likeminded individuals and industry experts.*

*The programme is encouraging innovators with great ideas from a diverse range of backgrounds to apply for this exceptional opportunity, could this be you or someone you know?*

**Applications open 3rd October and close 30th October 2022 . To find out more and to apply visit [www.nhscep.com/apply-now](http://www.nhscep.com/apply-now) or contact the team at [cep@aru.ac.uk](mailto:cep@aru.ac.uk)**

## **Promotional video Link**

If you have any questions please let me know or contact [cep@aru.ac.uk](mailto:cep@aru.ac.uk)

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

Kind regards  
Lucy

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## **West Midlands Paediatric Neurology Forum CPD on 20th October 2022** **Please see attached agenda, flyer and application details**

PGDIT Prize presentations- attached PPT will explain, 1st prize £200; 2nd Prize £100; 3rd prize £50. All participants will receive a certificate for portfolio along with prize for those presentations short listed. Open for training and non-training post graduate doctors in the region.

Abstracts can be sent to Hannah Buxton, Dr Ratna Kumar's secretary at BCH-  
[h.buxton1@nhs.net](mailto:h.buxton1@nhs.net)

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## **Simulation**

### **Regional Paediatric Simulation Courses**

For anyone interested in our simulation courses, we still have some spaces left on our courses which cover a variety of topics. Courses with spaces available are highlighted in bold but waiting lists are available in case of last-minute cancellation spots. Dates for 2022 will be confirmed in the next few months.

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All the courses and registers can be found on the Eventbrite website: <https://rwtpaedsimed.eventbrite.co.uk>. Please remember that if you have registered your interest, this does not mean that your space has been confirmed on the course.

If you have any queries about our courses, please contact us:

Email: [rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net)

Twitter: @RWT\_paedsimed

## Acute Behavioural Crisis in CAMHS (ABC in CAMHS) Simulation Day

Do you get stressed out by managing mental health presentations during a busy on call?  
Want more training in de-escalating agitated patients?

This is a one-day course for a small group of paediatric, ED doctors and nurses (and is free for West Midlands trainees). We use workshops, discussion and simulated scenarios which are all led by local paediatric and CAMHS consultants.

### Upcoming Dates:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Paediatric Palliative Care Simulation Day

Do you want more training in palliative care and managing the end of life in children?  
Would you like the opportunity to practice your communication and management of palliative care situations?

Are you confident in advanced care planning?

Do you feel comfortable with the legal aspects surrounding death?

### Overview

This simulation-based course will provide an overview of the management of a palliative care patient from diagnosis to the end of life and beyond.

- One day course aimed at senior paediatric trainees (ST4-8)
- There will be a mixture of simulation scenarios, workshops, and discussions around palliative care
- The Course will be supported by senior paediatricians and paediatric palliative care consultants
- Scenarios will involve professional simulated patients
- Can be linked to multiple RCPCH curriculum domains

### Upcoming Dates:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Paediatric International Medical Graduate (IMG) Simulation Course

A simulation course aimed at paediatric doctors who have received their primary medical qualification outside the United Kingdom. It is focused on preparing and empowering candidates with tools and skills to assist with their transition to working as a paediatrician in the NHS.

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## Upcoming dates:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – please **register your interest** on Eventbrite

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – please **register your interest** on Eventbrite

Please email [rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net) to register interest for future dates (after March 2023) which are TBC

## Return to Work Simulation Day

A course designed for paediatric trainees in the West Midlands who have been out of clinical practice for any reason (including parental leave, illness, OOPPE, OOPC or OPP-Pause) and provides the opportunity to practice clinical scenarios that you may encounter on your first day back at work.

## Upcoming Dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Stepping Up to Enhance Performance at ST4+ Simulation Course (STEPS)

A course that focuses on preparing for the step up to becoming a paediatric registrar or reinforcing skills for those who have newly stepped up to the registrar role. It is aimed specifically at ST2/3's who will be stepping up shortly as well as current ST4s who have recently transitioned to the role of a registrar.

## Upcoming Dates:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

## SUDI/C Simulation Course

A course designed for senior paediatric trainees, new consultants, children's nursing colleagues and other professionals in the West Midlands who are involved in the SUDI/C process. The day is aimed at providing practical experience and training about the management of SUDI/C through high fidelity simulation and experimental learning.

## Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 - please **register your interest** on Eventbrite

Please email [rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net) to registrar interest for future dates (after March 2023) which are TBC

## CONTACT DETAILS

For questions about courses and bookings - please use [rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.paedsimed@nhs.net)

If you want to keep up to date with our latest learning points and course information, please add us on twitter '@RWT\_paedsimed'

Eventbrite Website - <http://rwtpaedsimed.eventbrite.com>.

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## Neonatal Simulation

To register your interest for any of the below courses contact Hannah ([hannah.coakley@nhs.net](mailto:hannah.coakley@nhs.net)) with your full name, grade, current placement and why this course will be of value to you. If you have already registered your interest with Jess Groucutt then this information has all been handed over and we will contact you directly once course dates are confirmed.

Course dates will also be updated on: <https://www.westmidlandspaediatrics.com/simulation>

### SHINE (Simulation to Help in Neonatal Emergencies)

Are you just about to rotate on to your first registrar post in neonates? Does it feel like you have not done neonates for ages and need a refresher? Are you close to CCT and might be working as a consultant in a hospital with a neonatal unit? Do you feel like you just need more neonatal experience? If yes, this is the course for you! This course is very popular and receives consistent excellent feedback.

### Neo-Com-S (Neonatal Communication training through Simulation)

Do you want to improve your communication skills around difficult conversations such as breaking bad news, discussing medical errors, dealing with conflict and discussing end of life care? Do you want to explore parents' perspective and learn more about trauma informed communication? If yes, this is your opportunity to develop these transferable skills in a safe, supportive and confidential environment.

### Advanced SHINE

Are you a neonatal registrar looking to improve your management of neonatal emergencies? Want to build on your clinical knowledge but also leadership, situation awareness, decision making and communication skills? If the answer is yes then come and join us for the first Advanced SHINE course.

### Neonatal Palliative Care Course

Difficult conversations and circumstances are regularly encountered in neonatal medicine; and we must be able to give honest information sensitively; listen with care and respect in order to take the next steps forward as partners in care. If you are looking to improve your communication in scenarios such as consenting for post mortem, ceiling of care conversations and bereavement follow up; or learn about symptom control, practicalities of death, memory making and debrief then this course is for you.

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## PRAM Update by Rashmi Mehta

PRAM (Paediatric Research Across Midlands) is a paediatric trainee-led audit and research collaborative based in the West Midlands. We have a wide range of ongoing projects, including work with other paediatric networks. We have multiple successful publications and presentations from previous projects.

For earliest access to opportunities and news, join our mailing list by emailing



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## PRAM committee meet

PRAM committee was delighted to catch up at the beginning of this academic year and say our fond farewell and 'thank you' to PRAM co-chairs Hannah Vawda and Helen McDermott. They served PRAM for last three years and worked collaborating with different regional research networks, played essential roles in formation of the [RCPCH Trainee Research Network](#) (TRN) and lead and guided various PRAM projects and publications. They now step down to pave a path for our co-chairs Tim van Hasselt and Hannah Cooney. We look forward to new horizons working with them.



As the committee changes, we will be looking for new members from the Autumn – keep an eye out for future opportunities to join our fabulous team!

## Project News and Updates

- Our BRUE project has finished data collection and analysis will be starting soon
- Work continues on publication submission of the penicillin allergy de-labelling and the learning disability project
- ST1-3 rep Nikitha organised the West Midlands Paediatric August ST2 teaching day with useful and inspiring talks surrounding research and evidence-based medicine

## PASS (Paediatric Sub-specialty Training) Survey

We are conducting a survey to evaluate perceived barriers to sub-specialty training for paediatric doctors in West Midlands. Through the survey we aim to assess if the barriers to sub-specialty training adversely impact any specific population group disproportionately. We will use this data to support minimising inequalities in sub-specialty application and attainment. Please use following [link](#) to fill in a short survey. Thank you for your time.

## Dates for your diary: Upcoming Conferences and Events in 2022-2023

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1. EAPS (European Academy of Paediatric Societies) Barcelona 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 [registration link](#)
2. Adolescent Conference Birmingham 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 [registration link](#)
3. BPNA (British Paediatric Neurology Association) Annual Conference: Edinburgh 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 [web link](#)

## Other Useful Information:

### Reminder – Sickness Reporting

Can all postgraduate doctors include [programmes.wm@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:programmes.wm@hee.nhs.uk) when reporting any sickness to your ES/CS.?

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