

F1 Foundation Newsletter

April 2022

Prescribing Safety Assessment

Dates for 2022

A sitting for the resit exam took place on 14th March. For any postgraduate doctors that did not pass this time, there is another resit date given below. Emails with details will be sent to those trainees.

Re-sit dates:

Friday 29th April 2022 – 1pm – 3pm

First sit dates:

Tuesday 6th September 2022 – 1pm – 3pm

HEE will liaise with PG Centres and arrangements will be made with you individually if you need to sit this exam.

Feedback

Feedback on early website for GP training and recruitment

HEE's National Website Platform team are working on an early version of a GP recruitment site. They are looking for feedback on the website from Foundation and GP trainees like yourself. Your feedback will help the website team to make decisions about the design of the GP recruitment site.

There are feedback sessions available between:

- 5-7 April
- 19-21 April

The sessions are being run remotely on Microsoft Teams and will last around **30 minutes**. During the session, a researcher will ask:

- about your experience as a Foundation or GP trainee
- for feedback on a GP recruitment website

I've attached an information sheet that provides more detail about the feedback sessions and what's involved.

If you would like to take part, please



[complete this short consent form](#)



[book one of the available feedback sessions](#)

If there are no sessions that match your availability, please e-mail me - nick.meara@hee.nhs.uk. I may be able to arrange an additional block of sessions.

If you have any questions about the research sessions, please e-mail me - nick.meara@hee.nhs.uk - and I'll do my best to answer them.

Thank you

Careers/ Opportunities

Evaluation of Foundation Programme Review - your participation requested

In summer 2020, Health Education England (HEE) appointed RSM UK Consulting LLP (RSM) to conduct a three-year longitudinal evaluation, assessing the effectiveness of several of the recommendations being delivered as part of the HEE Foundation Programme Review. We are now in the Year 3 of the evaluation.

As part of the Year 3 evaluation, we are recruiting to our **Foundation Trainee Panel** to share their experiences in relation to several of the recommendations.

What is the Foundation Programme Review?

The Foundation Programme Review set out 16 recommendations aimed at improving the experience of trainees and faculty involved in the Foundation Programme. The review has sought to address issues across the following themes:

- Improving transition from medical school to foundation and from foundation to core/specialty training
- Addressing geographical and specialty distribution issues
- Enhancing the Working Lives of Foundation Doctors
- Improving Supervision and Educational Support
- Improving Faculty Support

Who do we want to hear from?

We are hoping to recruit at least 250 trainees from across FY1 and FY2 and all regions.

What is involved?

We use this panel of trainees to provide feedback in summer 2022, seeking to understand your experiences and perceptions of the Foundation Programme and the impact of the recent changes. As we are approaching the end of the evaluation, we are looking to add to our panel trainees who have now progressed into FY2 or recently joined the programme.

Participating in this "Community of Practice" will provide you with experience of participating in audit/service evaluation and quality improvement techniques, which you will be able to evidence via your e-portfolios.

To ensure appropriate representation, you will be asked to complete a short demographic questionnaire which we will use to select the final participants. If you would like to become a member of the trainee panel, please follow the link below – **please note the questionnaire will be open, to apply until close of play 8th April 2022.**

How to access the demographic questionnaire:

The questionnaire can be accessed using the following QR code/link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IH5SZW/>



Best wishes,

Medical Education Reform Programme Team

Directorate of Education and Quality

Early Career Clinical Pharmacology Competition 2022

We have recently launched the 2022 [Early Career Clinical Pharmacology Competition](#), hosted by the British Pharmacological Society. The competition is open to medical and pharmacy students, doctors in training (up to and including IMT) and pharmacists (bands 5-7).

The aim of the competition is to encourage students and healthcare professionals to improve their knowledge and skills of pharmacology and safe and effective prescribing and to celebrate their valuable contributions to the field of clinical pharmacology.

To be eligible for the competition, applicants must have a poster accepted for presentation at our annual conference [Pharmacology 2022](#). Applicants must attend the conference to present their poster to the competition judges, who will decide the top posters in the undergraduate and postgraduate categories.

We welcome abstracts relating to:

- Research projects linked to clinical pharmacology
- Audit or quality improvement project on the use of medicines
- Education abstracts on safe prescribing or use of medicines
- Interesting case reports related to clinical pharmacology. Examples could include (but not limited to), adverse effects of medication, drug-drug interactions, polypharmacy, role of therapeutic drug monitoring and pharmacogenomics

Presenters of the best undergraduate and postgraduate posters will receive a £250 prize in a ceremony at Pharmacology 2022. They will also be invited to give a 5-minute presentation about their project at a subsequent national training event for clinical pharmacologists.

Pharmacology 2022 is held from 13 – 14 September 2022 in Liverpool. For further details, [visit the Pharmacology 2022 event website](#).

For more details about what makes a successful abstract and to hear from past winners, [read this article in The Prescriber](#).

We want this opportunity to be accessible to all. Find out about [bursaries for Pharmacology 2022](#)

Career Workshops

We now have dates available to book for F1 postgraduate doctors to attend Career Workshops between February and May 2022.

Places are first come first served and available across the Midlands so in order to secure a place on one of these excellent workshops please book your place as soon as possible.

Links to book are all available in the attached and on our website at the link below:

<https://www.westmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/support/trainees/careers-support/foundation-trainee/foundation-careers-training>

Postgraduate Virtual Learning Environment - Foundation Training Resource Hub

All Foundation trainees in the West Midlands have now been registered with an account on the HEE PGVLE platform.

This platform has been setup with a purpose to improve learning for Foundation Doctors across the region. The platform has a large amount of resources which will be helpful in your training.

- Live events
- Mental Health Learning Resources
- Procedures
- Radiology Learning Resources
- Wellbeing

Please make sure you access this as soon as you can to make use of the training modules and helpful learning resources. We will be requesting feedback on the platform in future to see how we can improve the platform.

You should have received an email directing you to the log in page. Please go to <https://pgvle.co.uk/login/> and use the login details provided to you on email.

If you have not received an email, please contact facultysupportteam.wm@hee.nhs.uk

PGVLE blogs

We are hoping to introduce a regular blog post element to our post-graduate virtual learning environment. We would like to hear from you, the foundation trainee, about what you would like most to read about. Click the link to complete this very short survey - <https://forms.gle/Gq7gPKqBLJy5ydBh8>

Events

PGVLE Interactive session –

Tuesday 26th April 2022 via MS Teams 6pm

Please register at this link <https://forms.office.com/r/q3M9GZpqXh> and see flyer below

What next after Foundation training? Interactive session with Foundation Career TPD's

Tuesday 26th April 2022, 6-7pm on PGVLE



Panel: Dr Moe Oo, Dr Rashi Negi and Dr Gill Townson

Explore various career options and get some tips on speciality application from the career TPD's. Attend an interactive session with your career TPD's to improve understanding in these areas.

Suitable for
HLO 2: FPC 7, HLO 3: FPC 11

The session is free to attend but you need to register. This session can count towards non-core teaching time. Certificates will be issued following attendance and completed feedback.

Please register here <https://forms.office.com/r/q3M9GZpqXh>

Other Information

Simulation Training Virtual Reality Scenarios – Oxford Medical Simulation

Please see flyer attached

Your trust will be setting you up with access to this Virtual Reality Training. As an F1 trainee you will have access to 10 scenarios. VR Simulation provides repeatable, on-demand experiences to let you practice assessing and managing of virtual patients, no matter where you are.

Please ensure you log in to access this excellent resource as soon as possible.

OMS Trainee Webinar

If you missed this webinar you will be able to access the recording on the PGVLE.

