

F2 Foundation Newsletter

August 2022

Welcome to your first HEEWM F2 Foundation Newsletter. We circulate these each month to all foundation doctors and PG Centres to share important information which we think you will find useful as an F2 in the West Midlands. Each newsletter is uploaded to the website

<https://www.westmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/> and PGVLE
<https://pgvle.co.uk/login/index.php>

Careers/ Opportunities

Careers Fair

Week commencing 26th September 2022

Please hold the dates of this week and look out for more information around what workshops will be available at this years Careers Fair!

Foundation Doctor Cardiothoracic Education Programme

Please see attached posters

The Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland has established a new national teaching programme for foundation doctors covering key topics in cardiothoracic surgery that also bear some cross-over to other specialties such as respiratory, cardiology, paediatrics, and intensive care.

We would be grateful if you could circulate this email and the attached poster to the relevant Foundation Schools/Trust medical education administrators for dissemination to both incoming FY1 doctors and current FY1 and FY2 doctors.

The teaching sessions happen every **Monday at 19:00 via Zoom** and are free to attend but require prior registration.

Foundation doctors can register [here](#) or scan the QR Code on the attached posters.

NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow posts 2023

Would you like to find out more about the ACF programme? Interested in pursuing an academic career? Then join our free Webinar to find out more about ACF opportunities available in the West Midlands.

The session will be hosted by:

Dr Lukas Foggensteiner, Associate Dean for Academic Programmes, HEE West Midlands/
Consultant Nephrologist

The session will take place as follows:

Friday 23rd September at 1pm with Dr Lukas Foggensteiner and Charlotte Maybury, plus current and previous ACFs, click [HERE](#) to join.

Applications for the ACF programme will open in early October 2022. Details of the posts available and the application process will be available on the [NIHR webpage](#) soon, so now is an excellent time to find out more information about the programme.

We look forward to seeing you.

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>

Other Events

PGVLE Interactive session – Training Opportunities for WM Foundation Doctors

Evening sessions will now pause for the months of July and August.