

**Health Education England - East of England  
Newsletter for SAS Doctors and MEMs**

**Introduction from Prof Shahid Khan, Associate Dean for SAS Doctors and LEDs**

"The NHS is going through an unprecedented time due to the extreme situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Many SAS doctors are making key contributions to the delivery of care on the front line. Your hard work and dedication in these incredibly difficult times is highly commendable.

The infection has not yet peaked, and no one is able to predict the course of events over the coming months. Under such significant pressure difficult decisions will be required and new challenges to face. Support to staff is available at individual Trusts and your SAS Tutors will be able to extend additional support. EoE Professional Support & Wellbeing Service has been extended to help support SAS & Locally Employed Doctors. Communication is key in these difficult times so please share this newsletter with colleagues"



**Individual requests for funding** Many face to face training courses have been cancelled, and we therefore expect a decrease in individual funding requests. However, we would like to inform you that we are accepting individual funding requests as there may be some of you who are looking to complete online courses or re-certifications. For more information on how to apply for individual SAS development funding [Please Click Here](#).



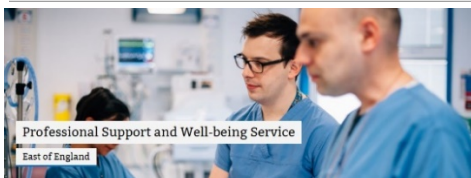
**Activity and Budget Planners**

In order to relieve the pressures on SAS Tutors and Medical Education Managers during this pandemic, we will be postponing the requirement to complete and submit the annual Activity and Budget Plans for SAS funding. If, however, your Trust requires SAS funding in the meantime to support educational activity for SAS doctors, we encourage you to get in touch with the SAS team on [SAS.eoe@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:SAS.eoe@hee.nhs.uk) to discuss your requirements.



**Development Days**

This year we have planned series of Development Days and Leadership Development Days. however due to COVID-19 we had to review our plans. We are hoping these days will take place in autumn and winter. We are also exploring other option of teaching, more details to follow.



**Professional Support and Well-being Services (PSW)**

The PSW recognises that the coming months are likely to be exceptionally challenging for all medical staff. HEE have therefore extended PSW services to include Consultants, Locally Employed Doctors, Staff Associate Specialists and Medical Training Initiative doctors as well as trainees. If you wish to access psychological or other support for any reason, please email us on [COVID19-PSW.EoE@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:COVID19-PSW.EoE@hee.nhs.uk)



**Bursaries**

Applications for PG Certificates and PG Diploma (60 credits top up) in Medical Education open on 15 March, closing date 12noon on **1 July 2020**. More details can be found [here](#). If you have any queries, please contact [TEFunding.eoe@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:TEFunding.eoe@hee.nhs.uk)



**Innovation Bids**

We are planning to open applications in autumn; details will be shared in due course.



**East of England SAS Survey**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we understand that the clinical pressures you are currently under leaves little time for anything else. Therefore, considering the current pandemic, HEE have made the decision to postpone the annual SAS Survey. We aim to launch this in the summer instead. If you have any questions, please contact [SAS.eoe@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:SAS.eoe@hee.nhs.uk)