

## Health Education England - East of England Newsletter for SAS Doctors and MEMs – July 2021

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

Firstly, congratulations to the winners of the Regional Innovation Awards! Dr Ewe Teh, Miss Magelia Kitcat and Dr Tamsin Holland Brown have been the winners of this year's awards. We will be inviting the winners to present their work at one of the webinars later during the year.

This is the time of the year when Regional SAS educational activities supported by HEE EoE are reviewed. The programme is shaped on feedback from SAS Tutors, comments from training events and suggestions made by colleagues in the Regional SAS Survey. Bursaries for Certificate, Diploma and top up masters in medical education have been high on the want list and hence considerable resources have been allocated to these activities. Funding for quality improvement projects and leadership courses as well as licences for Panopto & Bridge are other key initiatives which have been introduced to support SAS colleagues. It would be fair to state that educational support for SAS doctors in the Region far exceeds that which is available to consultants and trainees in many Trusts.

Significant efforts, manpower and funding is required to plan and deliver the yearly Regional educational programme. However, despite the efforts of our Tutor Group and the HEE EoE team, there is limited engagement from SAS colleagues. There are not enough requests for bursaries or for QI projects and engagement for Regional Developmental days see dwindling numbers. This is a cause for concern as the current level of funding could not be sustained year on year if funds are under-utilised. This is an issue to discuss in local groups and has been discussed at the Regional Steering Group meetings.

On a more positive note, from 12-16 July 2021, Royal College of Physicians is celebrating SAS doctors' week. This is a good opportunity for SAS colleagues to be actively involved with RCP activities.



### SAS Trainer of the Year Awards

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 SAS Trainer of the Year awards:

#### **Trainer of the Year Award:**

**Ewe Teh**  
East and North Herts NHS Trust

#### **Innovator of the Year Award:**

**Magelia Kitcat**  
Cambridge University Hospitals

#### **Research Achievement Award:**

**Tamsin Holland Brown**  
Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating these doctors of their achievement. We will be presenting a certificate to these doctors during the upcoming SAS & LED Tutor Symposium.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to make their nominations. We enjoyed reading about all of the wonderful contributions that our SAS doctors have been involved in.

### Regional EoE SAS and LEDs Tutors Symposium

Health Education England, East of England is pleased to announce the first Regional East of England SAS and LED Tutor Symposium will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

### HEE EoE Autumn Symposium 2021

We hope to be running a blended event this Autumn, of both virtual and face-to-face workshops. The dates for our event are 28, 29 & 30 September 2021 and our theme is 'Reflecting on Learning from Difficult Times'. Educators booking will be released shortly via email and on our website. For more information, please see our webpage by [Clicking Here](#)





### **Regional EoE Showcase Event – October 2021**

Health Education England, East of England is pleased to announce the first Regional Showcase event for SAS doctors to provide the opportunity for presenting their research and innovation projects.

The event will be held virtually on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. More information will follow once details are confirmed.

We would like to offer the opportunity for SAS Doctors from the East of England region to present their projects during this event. If you would like to get involved, please contact [SAS.eoe@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:SAS.eoe@hee.nhs.uk).



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

SAS Doctors and Locally Employed have now got an access to Professional Support and Well-being Services. Doctors can be offered career advice, exam support, neurodiverse screening (i.e., dyspraxia, dyslexia, dyscalculia, ADHD, etc.) or cognitive coaching. If you wish to access support, please email [PSW.eoe@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:PSW.eoe@hee.nhs.uk)



### **Quality Improvement funding**

Innovation and Quality Improvement (QI) is an integral part of health care as it improves patient experience and outcomes. SAS Doctors have a key role to play in improving healthcare services. HEE will continue to support SAS Innovation, and the application window will open in due course. We are currently reviewing the timeline, and this will be communicated via email soon.

This is a unique opportunity for SAS doctors in East of England to develop projects which can embed positive and sustainable changes in their clinical practice.

In the last financial year, HEE supported a total of 13 SAS Quality Improvement Projects. Some examples of the projects supported include:

- Interventions for children with glue ear during Covid
- Database creation, Proforma and statistical analysis to support project around Carotid Endarterectomy (CEA) or Best Medical Therapy (BMT)
- Development of image processing software for optic disc photos to remotely screen for glaucoma
- To Implement the use of the PERC and PESI scores for those with possible Pulmonary Embolism
- Simulation training for Instrumental delivery
- Designing and manufacturing the prototypes for Trochanteric Bursa Garment - Coccyx Pants
- Developing Clinical Leaders Programme

[Click Here](#) for more information and the application process.

**The deadline for applications in the current financial year is 14:00 on 18th August 2021.**



### **Development Days**

We are reviewing our development opportunities and currently in discussions with our providers to offer further courses. More information will be shared via email and available on the [SAS Pages of the HEE, East of England website](#) once confirmed.

If you have any queries, please contact us at [sas.eoe@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:sas.eoe@hee.nhs.uk)



### **Individual requests for funding**

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting SAS Individual Development funding applications. For all applications relating to activity that takes place in this financial year (from April 2021 to March 2022) please ensure that you follow the correct application process which can be found on the SAS Pages of the HEE website [Here](#).



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### Research Opportunities

For SAS & LEDs in HEE EoE we are encouraging active participation in research activities. [Developing Excellence in Medical Education Conference](#) (DEMEC) 2021 is planned for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Manchester Central. The opportunity to submit posters will open in the next few weeks. If you wish to submit a poster then please start preparing abstracts. If you would like some help with preparing your abstract and/or your poster, we have an East of England Educational Research Group, who will be able to provide advice.

Anyone interested can contact me via [shahidkhan@nhs.net](mailto:shahidkhan@nhs.net)



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### Bursaries

The next application window for courses commencing January/February 2022 will open in September 2021. More information will be available on the HEE website, [Click Here](#).

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