

EOE Resident Doctors Forum – Meeting minutes

Date: 21 May 2026

Time: 12:00- 13:00

Duration: 1 Hour

Chair: Nafisa Yousufzai (GPST3, trainee engagement and communication fellow 2025/2026)

Attendees: Trainee representatives from multiple specialties (Rheumatology, Psychiatry, Anaesthetics, Palliative Care, Paediatrics, Infectious Diseases, ENT, Foundation Programme), Deputy Postgraduate Dean Professor Helen Johnson and BMA Representative From EoE Resident Doctors Committee

Key Discussion Items :

- 1- Updates regarding previous meeting action plans given as below:
 - Residents Doctors who require self-development time to achieve competencies and cannot agree time in hospital posts are encouraged Exception reporting.
 - Exception reporting for GP trainees when in Hospital posts and GP settings:
 - In hospital posts for GPs – exception reporting and fines are related to host trusts.
 - In GP placements – the localized fund covers the GPRs within a deanery region.
 - NETS survey issues have been raised to relative authorities and this has been picked up.

2- **Study Budget Discrepancies Across Trusts & Deaneries :**

Trainees across specialties reported significant variation in study budget availability, with some reporting study budget as low as £300 and some reports unlimited funds.

Deanery response : study-leave funding comes from a shared regional pot, so schools may set indicative (not fixed) limits, with mandatory courses funded first and aspirational ones only if resources allow. However, this will be raised with the deputy dean for study leave for more clarification and response will be updated in the next forum and circulated to attendees.

3- **On-Call Rooms Being Charged to Trainees :**

Some trusts charge an X amount of fee for trainees for using on-call rooms, against terms of 2016 Doctors contract and this further encourages risks such as driving to home while being tired.

Response: BMA reps will escalate this under the Fatigue & Facilities Charter, and discuss it further under 10-point plan meetings.

4- Foundation Programme Issues :

- Exam support study leave variation across specialties such as X days for MRCP and X days for MRSA.

Response: MSRA is part of job selection, not training → trusts not obligated to provide leave.

- Large variation between trainees getting SDT while in foundation posts, as well as SDT after/before A&E shifts deemed unproductive.

Response: SDT standardisation to be discussed further during 10 point plan meetings and BMA meetings.