Purpose of visit:

Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was visited as part of the rolling review of training in Anaesthesia in all Trusts in the East of England.

The GMC survey had flagged two potential issues;

1. Undermining
2. Experience offered

Both are dealt with below.
Strengths:

The consensus view was that Anaesthetic training in Peterborough is of high quality and provides an interesting and diverse clinical workload.

1. **Induction:** This is comprehensive and both the Trust (generic) and departmental inductions are suitable detailed.
2. **Educational support** is excellent with Dr Gregg receiving specific support. Clinical supervision is generally good but some are less enthusiastic.
3. **There were no difficulties reported with regards to satisfying curriculum requirements and the e-portfolio is fully adopted**
4. **Exam support** is appropriate and of high quality but occasionally difficult to attend.
5. Both clinical and pastoral support is good.
6. A multi-disciplinary handover has been introduced in obstetrics to address some of the issues discussed below.
7. Lists rarely overrun.
8. Both annual and study leave is easy to book.
9. **Appropriate use of solo lists** (see below).
10. **Experience and support in Critical Care** is good.

All Trainees felt that their time in Peterborough was overwhelmingly positive with an interesting and comprehensive clinical workload, sufficiently challenging to support both core and ST training. The department is supportive and friendly, delivering high quality training and education.

Areas for development:

1. **Obstetric Anaesthesia:** It was in this area that undermining had been reported. While this did not appear to be a significant issue - the Trust having fully investigated the report - the core trainees reported tensions at times with the midwives. This was not an issue with the ST trainees who felt that the relationships were excellent. These reports may simply represent normal anxieties between inexperienced trainees and other professionals. The situation does require some monitoring.
2. **The ST trainees reported that they would like to undertake more challenging solo lists**
3. **The rotas are constructed on a weekly basis and this presents some difficulties identifying days where ST trainees can undertake non-clinical activities such as research and audit, where prior planning is necessary**
4. **The time allocation for educational supervisors is less that the HEE supports and not in line with supervisors in other specialities**
Significant concerns:
None were reported

Requirements:

1. Support for Educational supervisors must be reviewed and aligned with that commissioned by HEE and received by other supervisors across the Trust

Recommendations:

1. There should be an ongoing review of relationships in obstetrics
2. ST Trainees should be able to undertake targeted solo lists, after discussion with their educational supervisors
3. There should be advanced notification of non-clinical days for ST trainees to allow planning of supporting activities

Timeframes: | Action Plan to HEEoE by: | 27th June 2014 |
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