

SAS Newsletter

2024 Yearly Round Up



A message from the Associate Postgraduate Dean for SAS & LEDs

This is the time of the year when historically we look back and reflect upon achievements as well as look ahead to improve training and education for colleagues in the region.

This year is memorable as we have had several new developments, the most notable being resumption of face-to-face educational programmes. Several face-to-face events were conducted including Portfolio Pathway workshop, bespoke Quality Improvement programme, a 3-day Leadership Programme and the Tutor Development Day. All these events were hugely successful and the feedback from the attendees was excellent. Resumption of the yearly SAS Survey and using the results to shape educational activities in the region is another notable development. Newsletter was restarted after a gap which plays a pivotal part in improving communication.

Another notable development was restarting the EoE Recognition Awards which included SAS & LED nominations. Congratulations to everyone who participated and particularly those who were successful. These awards will continue to be offered on an annual basis to recognise SAS & LEDs doing sterling work over and above the call of duty.

As the numbers of SAS/LEDs are increasing, the demand for support and direction within the trusts is escalating. It is proposed that each Trust develops a Trust Operational Group with membership of SAS & LED Tutors along with SAS Advocate. The group will be strengthened by a Portfolio Pathway Lead, Mentorship Lead and LNC representative. This group can be a catalyst for local change and will be invaluable in improving working lives of SAS/LEDs.

There is still a need for SAS doctors in every speciality with good knowledge of Portfolio Pathway (previously CESR) to volunteer as regional Portfolio Pathway Champions (PPC). Those interested, please contact the team at england.sas.eoe@nhs.net.

I would take this opportunity to thank all Tutors and Medical Education Managers for their hard work. I would also thank the EOE Faculty Support Team for their tireless efforts in supporting SAS & LEDs over the year.

With very best wishes for the festive season and wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Prof Shahid A Khan

2024 Highlights



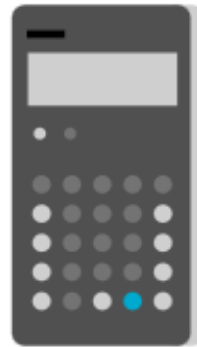
1 SAS Survey, completed by **255 SAS Doctors** in the east of England, helping to shape the educational activities for the 24/25 financial year



23 development [webinars and workshops](#), **3 leadership cohorts** and **1 quality improvement programme** offered regionally



Newsletter reinstated with **3 newsletters** delivered



7 bursaries awarded for courses in **Medical Education**: 5 PGCerts and 2 PGDip's

For more information on the bursary process, please [click here](#).



1 SAS & LED Tutor Development Day, held face to face, providing an excellent opportunity to **network, learn and share best practice**



43 nominations for the **SAS & LED Recognition Awards**.

To learn more about the winners and finalists please [click here](#).

44 individual development requests processed. For information on individual development funding, please [click here](#).



Improved process for **[Bridge and Panopto](#)** access requests.

Those interested can now simply complete this **[access request form](#)**.



Above are just some of the snapshots of the work which has been taking place in 2024. Please do click on the links to explore the topics in more detail, and a large variety of information is always available on our **webpages [here](#)**.

We would also like to take this time to congratulate the two Trusts who have been successful in recent **SAS and LED Workforce Development Initiative** bids; a national initiative to take forward specific workforce development initiatives with funding provision (non-recurrent) which will support the NHS in meeting the ambitions on The Long-Term Workforce Plan (LTWP) for SAS doctors, and the “Train” and “Retain” actions from the LED Blueprint for Change, for LEDs. A big congratulations to:

- **SAS: Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust**
- **LED: Luton & Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**

We received a high number of excellent bids overall and are grateful to all colleagues who participated in this initiative.

Photo from the SAS & LED Tutor Development Day, held on 14 November 2024



A huge thank you to all of our SAS & LE Doctors working within the east of England, and our SAS & LED Tutors and Medical Education Managers for the huge amount of work which goes into supporting them.

Wishing everyone a wonderful festive season and happy, healthy 2025.



For any queries at any time, please don't hesitate to contact the team on england.sas.eoe@nhs.net.