

# SAS Newsletter



**June  
2024**

## **A Message from the Associate Dean for SAS/LEDs'**

The Newsletter was temporarily discontinued in 2022 due to circumstances beyond our control. I am delighted to say that we are now able to re-start publication of this important communication tool which will be circulated electronically every four months. The support for The Newsletter was 89% in the SAS 2024 survey.

East of England (EOE) SAS Annual Survey is one of the key activities which provides information on the needs of SAS doctors in the region. The EOE annual development programme is strongly influenced by the views expressed by SAS doctors who participate in the surveys. The survey showed that "bullying & undermining" is being experienced by a significant number of SAS doctors in EoE (25%). These are worrying statistics and SAS doctors and SAS Tutors need to share the results with the LNC leads and their Trust's senior leadership.

East of England "SAS Trainer of the Year Awards" are being restarted. Please await nomination forms which will be circulated soon and the deadline for nominations announced. There will be an opportunity to self-nominate. The winning nominations will be announced at the EoE SAS Steering Group meeting in October 2024.

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**Prof Shahid A Khan**

### What's New

**SAS SURVEY  
RESULTS**

**PORTFOLIO  
PATHWAY  
(CESR)**

**ACTIVE  
BYSTANDER  
TRAINING**

**SPRING  
SYMPOSIUM**

**BRIDGE &  
PANOPTO**

**MEDICAL  
EDUCATION  
BURSARY  
FUNDING**

**FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAMME  
VACANCIES**

## SAS Survey Results

Demonstrating a year-on-year continued improvement in the response rate, the SAS survey outcomes have helped to shape the future of the educational programmes.

This year the survey was completed by 255 SAS doctors, and although this still does not represent the majority of our SAS Doctors, it is positive to see more involvement. Thanks to those who, despite their busy jobs, took the time to share their views. The survey provided important insight into several aspects of SAS doctors' working lives. Apart from other aspects it highlighted the fact that many recommendations of the SAS Charter have not been fully implemented. This view is shared by the majority of SAS doctors. SAS 2024 Survey results will be available on the East of England website in the near future.

## Portfolio Pathway (CESR)

The route to specialist registration for doctors that have not completed a GMC-approved training programme.

### Useful Links:

[Curriculum updates to applications](#)

[GMC Online User Guide - PDF](#)

[GMC Webpage](#)

[Email address: portfolio@gmc-uk.org](mailto:portfolio@gmc-uk.org)

### Workshop Recording:

The GMC ran a useful workshop at the recent Spring Symposium on how to support doctors through the Portfolio Pathway (CESR). To view the recording from this workshop, please click the link below:

[GMC Portfolio Pathway Workshop](#)

### Portfolio Pathway Champions:

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## Fellowship Programme Vacancies

The Fellowship Programme vacancies have re-opened for further applications for several roles, with a closing date of **14 June, 12pm**.

**[Current Fellow Recruitment | East of England \(hee.nhs.uk\)](https://hee.nhs.uk)**

**The eligibility criteria for roles are noted on each job description.**

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the EoE Fellowships programme team:  
**[england.fellowships.eoe@nhs.net](mailto:england.fellowships.eoe@nhs.net)**

### Bridge and Panopto

The next round of requests for Bridge and Panopto accounts will be sent out to trusts shortly.

Please keep an eye out for emails from your medical education department to register for these learning platforms.

### Active Bystander Training

Have you ever been in a situation where you want to challenge someone's behaviour - but you didn't know how to do it or what to say?

As part of NHS England's Anti-racism strategy, we have commissioned a number of 90-minute virtual Active Bystander Training workshops, facilitated by the 'Active Bystander Training Company'. For further information and to book your space now, please click **[here](#)**. Further dates will be added shortly.

For any queries, please contact:  
**[england.eandtevents.eoe@nhs.net](mailto:england.eandtevents.eoe@nhs.net)**



## Medical Education Bursary Funding

The recent round of applications for bursary funding for PG Certificate (60 credits), PG Diploma (60 credits top up) and Master's (60 credits top up) in Medical Education, have now closed.

We hope to offer a number of bursaries in a competitive manner twice a year. Applications for the January/February 2025 intake will likely open in September 2024.

All information can be found on our webpage [here](#). For any queries, please contact: [england.mededbursaries.eoe@nhs.net](mailto:england.mededbursaries.eoe@nhs.net).

## Spring Symposium 2024

The Spring Symposium runs once annually and provides faculty development for postgraduate educators from the East of England, offering a valuable opportunity to learn, develop, network and share best practice.

The 2024 Spring Symposium took place virtually on 23 & 24 April and around 600 educators and trainees joined us across two days to learn, develop and network.

The theme of this year's event was 'Shaping a Brighter Future', and we had a huge range of speakers from keynotes on Global Health and Medical Doctors Degree Apprenticeships, as well as a whole host of workshops and some excellent presentations from our east of England trainees and fellows. The presentations and recordings that we have been given permission to share will be being uploaded onto our [webpage](#) over the coming weeks.