

School of Postgraduate Surgery Visit to Bedford Hospital NHS Trust Visit Report 8 th May 2015	
HEEoE representatives:	Mr Neville Jamieson - Head of Postgraduate School of Surgery and Associate Dean Mr Sandeep Kapur - Chair, Core Surgical Regional Training Committee Mr Raj Praseedom - Programme Director, General Surgery Specialist Training Committee and Regional Surgical Advisor Ms Susan Agger - Senior Quality Improvement Manager Dr Michael Sut - Trainee Representative Mrs Louise Sharp - Speciality Training Administrator for Surgery
Trust representatives :	Mr Stephen Conroy - Chief Executive Ms Colette Marshall - Medical Director Ms Caroline Fisher - Medical Workforce Manager Mrs Sarah Reynolds - Director of Medical Education Mr Philip Edge - College Tutor for Surgery Ms Rosa Lombardi - Learning and Education Manager
Number of trainees & grades who were met:	We met with seven Trainees. Three Core Surgical Trainees, 1 x CT1 General Surgery, 1 x CT2 Vascular and 1 x CT2 colorectal. Four Higher Speciality Trainees, 1 x SpR in Urology, 1 x LAT Orthopaedics, 1 x ST4 and 1 x ST6 in General Surgery

Purpose of visit :
<p>In accordance with the review of the delivery of surgical training in all Trusts in the East of England, a visit was undertaken to Bedford Hospital NHS Trust on 8th May 2015.</p> <p>This visit, planned by the School of Surgery, provided the chance to review the delivery of both core and higher surgical training in the surgical specialities within the Trust.</p>

Strengths:

All trainees interviewed were happy and received valuable access to training opportunities, including appropriate operating experience. All core and Higher Speciality trainees were very positive about the training at the Hospital. The trainees all feel they have a great deal of theatre experience and good exposure to appropriate surgical procedures with supervision. The Higher Specialist Trainee in Urology spoke very highly of the training and that it is very well supervised. There was good trauma experience and supervision in T&O.

The delivery of clinical and educational supervision was good.

Mr Stephen Conroy outlined that the previous issues regarding patient safety concerns have been addressed. No issues identified on this occasion.

Areas for Development:

All seems to be progressing well in general terms. However the following areas were highlighted:

An educational lead for General Surgery would be valuable to help focus training on their curriculum requirements. Recent changes to the pattern of orthopaedics rotation were felt to be beneficial.

It was noted that in General Surgery Out Of Hours cover for urological emergencies nationally is not part of the Higher Surgical Trainee's curriculum but the trainees are happy to continue to do this which is acceptable (should any future trainees not be happy with this arrangement an alternative would need to be devised).

Significant concerns:

There were no significant concerns.

Requirements:

1. An Educational lead for General Surgery separate to the Surgical Tutor would be valuable.

Recommendations:

As above.

Action Plan to Health Education East of England by:

An action plan is required by 8th August 2015.

Revisit: November 2017