

<b>School of Surgery Visit to Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust Visit Report 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013</b>	
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<b>Number of trainees &amp; grades who were met:</b>	<b>11 Trainees were met:</b> <b>5 Core – CT1 (5); CT2 (0)</b> <b>6 Higher – Urol (1); T&amp;O (2); Gen Surg (2); Vascular (1)</b> <b>2 Trust fellows attended</b>

<b>Purpose of visit :</b>
<p>In accordance with the review of the delivery of surgical training in all Trusts in the EoE, a visit was undertaken at Colchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013.</p> <p>This visit planned by the School of Surgery provided the chance to review the delivery of both core training and higher surgical training in the various surgical specialities throughout the Trust.</p>

**Strengths:**

Core Surgery:

The Core Surgical trainees are happy and receive a good mix of experience, although there is an ongoing problem with the timetable of the CT in the ENT department and this requires attention. This issue aside, the trainees all felt the jobs were structured appropriately and provided training opportunities that met the requirements necessary to be competitive for ST3+ posts.

Higher Trainees:

Urology - The Urology HST reported good surgical experience.

T&O - The Trauma and Orthopaedic HSTs reported good surgical experience in a supportive department with opportunity to achieve logbook targets.

General Surgery – The trainees reported good experience in a busy but supportive department. There was plenty of access to both theatre and clinic experience and access to relevant courses at the ICENI Centre. Good exposure to laparoscopic techniques.

**Areas for Development:**

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

Potential duplication with clerking when cross cover at core level of urology admissions via A&E can impact CT training experience – this would merit review to see if duplication of clerking etc is indeed currently happening and, if so, whether or not this is necessary.

Currently CT scan requests must be countersigned by a consultant. It was suggested that discussion with a consultant would perhaps suffice with the remainder being protocol driven. The potential impact of the current procedure on patient care was noted.

**Significant concerns:**

There were no significant concerns.

**Requirements:**

The structure of the rota for the ENT CST trainees as currently configured impacts on delivery of the SMART criteria and needs to be addressed urgently.

Need to confirm the resident middle grade cover when the F2 is on call for ENT.

Feedback from the London TPD for the General Surgical Higher Trainees that logbooks are developing satisfactorily, with adequate numbers of cases to meet the indicative procedure numbers required, must be made available midway through the year.

<b>Recommendations:</b>
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There were no further recommendations.
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<b>Action Plan to Health Education East of England by:</b>
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An action plan is required by January 2014
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<b>Revisit:</b>	<b>October 2016</b>
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