

**School of Postgraduate Surgery Visit to
Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust
Visit Report
29th November 2013**

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| Deanery representatives: | Mr Neville Jamieson – Head of Postgraduate School of Surgery and Associate Dean Dr Jonathan Waller – Deputy Postgraduate Dean – Quality Mr Sandeep Kapur – Chair, Core Surgery Specialist Training Committee Ms Susan Agger – Quality Improvement Manager |
| Trust representatives : | Dr Catherine Hubbard - Medical Director Dr Mark Lillicrap - Clinical Tutor Mr Szabolcs Gergely - College Tutor for Surgery Ms Michaela Turner-Douglas - Medical Education Manager and representatives from the General Surgery Department |
| Number of trainees & grades who were met: | 3 Trainees were met: 1 Core –CT2 2 Higher– ST3 (LAT); ST5 |

Purpose of visit :

In accordance with the review of the delivery of surgical training in all Trusts in EoE, a visit was undertaken at Hinchingbrooke Health Care NHS Trust on 29th November 2013.

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. In particular it was intended to review the training for the newly reintroduced post in colorectal surgery following on from the reorganisation of this department and new consultant appointments.

Strengths:

The trainees were happy and received good access to training opportunities including clinics and theatre sessions. Consultants were supportive and pleased to teach. Trainees could complete workplace based assessments (wpbas) and departmental induction was good. Attendance at regional teaching was not an issue and study leave was available.

Areas for Development:

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

It was felt that there may be an issue with opportunities for the trainees to undertake emergency laparotomies to meet the requirements of the SAC/JCST checklist which now requires trainees to perform 100 emergency laparotomies during their 6 years of training (i.e. approx 16 per year) – a national audit of emergency laparotomy to which the unit is contributing will provide additional information on how many such procedures are carried out by the surgical unit each year.

Issues with weekend working - due to times when the unit was busy with a heavy administrative workload for the reduced weekend team - were highlighted.

Significant concerns:

There were no significant concerns.

Requirements:

Trainees' access to the delivery of emergency laparotomies, in order to meet the requirements of the logbook, needs to be addressed.

Recommendations:

Although workload at the weekend was generally satisfactory, it was recognised that there can be difficulties. It is recommended that, in consultation with the trainees, an alternative solution to weekend staffing and admin tasks is considered.

Action Plan to Health Education East of England by:

An action plan is required by February 2014.

Revisit: November 2016

Visit Lead: Mr Neville Jamieson

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