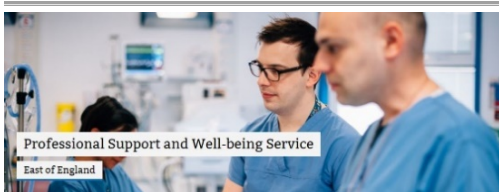


Health Education England - East of England Newsletter for Trainees – 20 March 2020

Message from Bill Irish, Regional Postgraduate Dean, and Senior Leadership Team

‘We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the fantastic job that you are all doing during this difficult period. We could not be more proud of you.

We realise the importance of keeping you updated with the changes that seem to be happening almost daily, so we will be sending out regular newsletters over the coming months. You will also be able to find all the latest information we receive from outside bodies such as the BMA, GMC, HEE national and individual Royal Colleges on the PSW website <https://heeoee.hee.nhs.uk/psw/east-england-professional-support-and-well-being-service> ‘



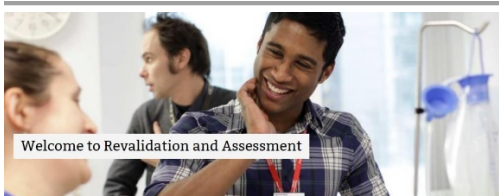
Professional Support and Well-being Service (PSW) <https://heeoee.hee.nhs.uk/psw/east-england-professional-support-and-well-being-service>

The PSW recognises that the coming months are likely to be exceptionally challenging for many trainees and that it is inevitable that some will have periods where they need some additional support. If you wish to access psychological or other support, you can refer yourself through our newly created generic inbox COVID-19.EoE@hee.nhs.uk. You can also use this inbox to ask questions about the impact of COVID-19 on your training which we will endeavour to respond to within one working day. We will shortly be posting some FAQs. All of our main services providers, including psychology and 1:1 careers support are prepared to accommodate a high number of referrals should the need arise.



Post Changes

We have written separately to Foundation, GP and Academic Trainees with specific guidance. However, for all other trainees, we can confirm that national policy is that trainees should remain in their current training location. Further information will be available for your employer.



ARCPs

ARCPs will still go ahead but will be prioritised for trainees who are at a key progression point, such as FY1s and those about to reach CCT, and for trainees expected to receive a non-standard outcome. ‘Face to face’ post ARCP feedback, when needed, will be undertaken by telephone or videoconferencing. The agreed timetable for the delivery of ARCPs will be followed as far as possible. More details will be provided by the ARCP team shortly; please contact them with any enquiries assessment.eoe@hee.nhs.uk



Recruitment

It is planned that recruitment will go ahead within the agreed timeframe; however, the process is likely to be different; further information will be available shortly.

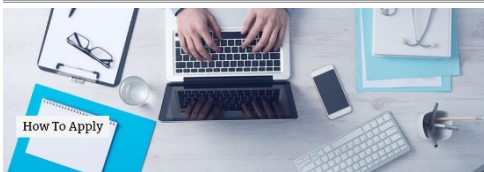


Study Leave

We recognise that many courses/conferences will not be going ahead or cannot be attended as study leave time may need to be cancelled. Please be assured that you will still be able to reclaim your expenses if these cannot be refunded by the provider. Please try to reclaim your course/conference fees and any other fees (e.g. pre-booked travel) in the first instance from the provider, should this not be possible please include evidence of non-refundable expenses with your study leave claim. All pre-agreed study leave funding will be remunerated in the normal way.



Exams At the present time, all exams have been postponed. The RGCP are currently exploring whether they are able to hold the AKT. If you have not had the opportunity to take an exam which is required for progression to the next stage of training, you will be allowed to progress, providing the ARCP panel does not identify any other reason why you should not do so



Out of Programme Inter Deanery Transfers Relocation

If you are currently on OOPR, OOPT or OOPC and you return to clinical work early, please email the oop.eoe@hee.nhs.uk so that we can record this on your training file. Please also let the team know when you return to your OOP. We hope to be able to maintain your previously planned time OOP, but will discuss this on a case by case basis when needed as there a number of factors to consider including research funding availability.

New applications for OOPC will be considered in the normal way, but the preliminary national guidance is that applications for other types of OOP will be declined at the present time. Further advice will be available as soon as we receive this.

Inter Deanery Transfers will proceed as planned.

A small number of trainees have incurred costs associated with changes to relocation plans. If you are affected, please contact COVID-19.EoE@hee.nhs.uk so that we can advise you.
