Postgraduate Medical Education Focus...
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From Julian Wright, Director of Postgraduate Medical Education

Congratulations to our Undergraduate Hospital Dean

I would like to start this month’s Postgraduate Education newsletter by offering congratulations to Lawrence Cotter, the Trust’s Undergraduate Hospital Dean on his recently becoming Professor Cotter!

New Patch Dean

Following Mariee Shelley’s recent retirement, the North Western Deanery has announced that her replacement as our Patch Dean will be Dr Shirley Remington. Shirley is a consultant anesthetist at Stepping Hill Hospital is currently the Director of Medical Education at Stepping Hill Hospital so she is well aware of all the current educational issues.

I have already met with Shirley and given her an update of our current work in Postgraduate Medical Education. She officially commences her post in August 2011 so no many of you will have the opportunity to meet her soon.
North West Junior Doctors’ Dragons Den 2011

Many congratulations to two of our Foundation Programme Doctors, Aysha Alla and Mathew Kirkman, who recently won the North West Junior Doctors' Dragon's Den 2011, a regional competition for junior doctors interested in improving postgraduate education, service delivery and junior doctor's working lives. Their project, PodMedPlus, is a podcast series aimed at foundation trainees to engage them in all aspects of the foundation program and to ensure no trainee misses out on vital educational opportunities that foundation training should deliver. Their plan is to produce a series of bimonthly podcasts based on the foundation curriculum. If you would like to know more about the project and get involved, please email the team: podmedplus@gmail.com

Aysha and Matthew receiving their award from the Postgraduate Dean, Professor Jacky Hayden.

Clinical and Educational Supervisors Masterclasses

As promised, Supervisor Reaccreditation Masterclasses have been created and I am very grateful to Fiona Spencer and Simon Carley for their assistance with this. The final touches are being put to these presentations and the Masterclasses will be piloted later in the year.

The format will be a 2 hour session for clinical supervisor reaccreditation and an additional half hour for those wishing to reaccredit as educational supervisors.
There will be an overview of supervision then the specific issues of trainees in difficulty, workplace-based assessments, quality control of supervision, writing an educational supervisors report and helping trainees write a personal development plan will be discussed.

Please look out for the dates of the first of these Masterclasses which will take place in autumn 2011.

**Forthcoming Educational Meetings**

I am pleased to announce that we have arranged for the President of the Royal College of Physicians to visit us for the RCP update on 29th March 2012 and the following morning. The programme for the update will be advertised in the near future.

I am in the process of arranging for an Academy of Medical Educators ‘roadshow’ to take place at the Trust probably in October 2011. The roadshow will highlight the work of the Academy and how it can be used as an educational resource. Hopefully the meeting will be of interest to all involved or wishing to be involved in medical education. I will advise of the date and programme as they are confirmed.

**DME Postgraduate Education Strategy**

As you know our Trust has a strong vision for Medical Education aiming to be ‘the best place to train and work’. I have been working on a strategy for Postgraduate Education in order to achieve our aim. This is only my personal view but I do hope you will be in agreement with it.

*Please click here to see the Strategy*

There will be no newsletter in August as I, and I hope most of you will be enjoying annual leave!!

Julian Wright, DME, on behalf of the Postgraduate Medical Education Team