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## Rhubarb, Rhubarb ... the newsletter of the West Riding GP Training Programme July 2009 - Number 116



### Focus on Small Group Teaching from August

In August we are going to split out trainees into three groups for small group teaching sessions:

*Trainees in their first GP post* - will meet on a Tuesday afternoon at Pinderfields where the focus of the sessions will be on consultation skill development.

*Trainees in ST3* - will meet on a Tuesday afternoon at Dewsbury Medical Education Centre where the focus of the sessions will be on CSA preparation

*Trainees in hospital posts* - will meet every other Thursday for the whole day at Drighlington (food, parking and close to Leeds!) where the focus of the sessions will be on covering the GP curriculum. You will be allocated to either group A or group B. We plan to duplicate the programme but you need to apply for study leave NOW. Click here [for the whole day dates](#) and click here [list of doctors in Group A or Group B](#). The first meeting is on Thursday 20th August for trainees in group A.

The scheme has an Induction session for all trainees in general practice on Tuesday 11th August starting at 1pm with lunch at St Catherines Church and Conference Centre, Doncaster Road, Wakefield.

### Feedback from the local ARCP panel?

On 9th June we held a local ARCP panel and reviewed the ePortfolios of all those doctors transitioning from ST1 to ST2, ST2 to ST3 and those finishing ST3. Some ePortfolios were very good but a sizable minority were deficient.

Firstly, 'the minimum is the minimum' - we still reviewed ePortfolios where the minimum number of WPBAs had not been done. The panel had no alternative but to record that progress was unsatisfactory. If

## HDR

### Tuesday small group sessions

These are held at Dewsbury, Wakefield and Pontefract beginning at 2 pm. Attendance is compulsory

[Dewsbury](#)

7 July Headaches

14 July Interesting cases

21 July Wind down

28 July Feedback

[Wakefield](#)

7 July Palliative care of non cancer

14 July MSK problems

21 July Kidney and renal disease

28 July Catch up

[Pontefract](#)

7 July Cancer referral guidelines

14 July Cardiology

21 July Feedback session

28 July No meeting

[A&E Fridays](#)

July - no meeting

### Trainers Workshops

Are held every month at Dewsbury, Wakefield and Pontefract. Click below for timetables

[Timetable for trainers workshops](#)

### Featured Book nMRCGP Applied Knowledge Study Guide - Sample Questions and Explanatory Answers

there were only a few WPBA items missing them trainees were likely to get an email from the Deanery saying 'sort it' and it will be reviewed again electronically to check that the minimum is now present.

Trainees who had not completed the minimum would have had their ePortfolios gone through with a fine hair comb by the Deanery and if their are other areas of concerns i.e. poor number of log and PDP entries then trainees will be invited to Leeds for a cozy chat!

Remember the 'minimum is the minimum'.....

### DAAG - newsletter

The June 2009 newsletter of the Deanery Assessment Action Group has been published. [Click here to read it.](#) It is produced by a Deanery wide group looking at the quality of assessment. It should be particularly read by all Educational Supervisors

### CSA failures

The programme directors have had a winging email from the Director of GP Education at the Deanery asking us to remind all our trainees to plan to take the CSA at a time in their training so that they can have two goes at it. This follows CSA results from a local scheme where 3 out of 4 CSA failures had taken it for the first time in May.

Experience is that if you have two opportunities to take it you are more likely to pass! If you are finishing in July 2010 plan to take it in Jan 2010.

### Certificate in Education in Primary Care

If you are interested in becoming a GP trainer this course at Leeds University, paid for by the Deanery, will allow you to become a GP Trainer by August 2010 - which is mega quick. For more details contact [Kirsty Baldwin](#)

### New in the ePortfolio

You may have noticed a few changes in the ePortfolio in the latest upgrade. Highlight is that sending a learning log entry to the PDP no longer needs to have been first read by your clinical or educational supervisor.

### HDR Attendance Sheets

From August we want trainees to self certify their own attendance at our small group teaching sessions. This evidence will be used at ARCP panel reviews next year. To download a document to record your attendance at HDR sessions [click here](#)

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This book has been written by three recently qualified GPs in London who all got distinction in MRCGP and thought that their revision notes for the MCQ would make the basis for a great book. Gets lots of good reviews on Amazon so I am sure is worth a look.