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Focus on ePortfolio 4.0

The ePortfolio has had another make over. This latest one is quite significant:

Changes to review dates: The old ePortfolio tried to fit everyone into fixed, three year, full time rotations - and of course if you were part time, had any gaps then it did not work. EPortfolio 4 now works by ST year; ST1-1, ST1-2, ST1-3 etc with no upper limit on the review number - much better.

Educator notes: This is a new page where educators can make notes that are permanent in the ePortfolio and viewable by anyone who looks at it and comments will be visible by trainees.

Additional trainers: There can now be a maximum of five trainers or clinical supervisors who can have access to a trainee at any one time.

Learning log: A couple of great additions to the learning log. (1) there is now a column that indicates if an assessor has made any comments about a learning log entry and (2) it is now possible to send learning log entries direct to the PDP without having to have had it read by a clinical or educational supervisor first.

Validate change: The validate against competency entry in the learning log entry section has now been reworded. It was always intended that supervisors are not making an assessment of the competency in that area rather they are confirming that the evidence presented is of good enough quality for others to use in assessing performance.

HDR

Small group sessions

These are held at Wakefield and Drighlington. Attendance is compulsory for all trainees

[Wakefield - GP 1 Trainees](#)
Held at Pinderfields from 2pm every Tuesday. Click here for the latest programme

[Drighlington - Hospital trainees](#)
Held at Drighlington from 9 am every Thursday. Click here for the latest programme

[Drighlington - ST3 trainees](#)
Held at Drighlington with lunch from 1 pm every Tuesday. Click here for the latest programme

Trainers Workshops

There is a joint trainers workshop for the trainers across the scheme at Pontefract on Tuesday 13 October at Pontefract Medical Education Centre. Lunch is from 12.30 and we start at 1.00 pm

[Timetable for trainers workshops](#)

Featured Book Top Tips for GPs: A Beginner's Guide to General Practice

DWP

We are about to change the name of the scheme. Currently we call ourselves the West Riding GP Training Programme, but the Deanery calls us DWP - Dewsbury, Wakefield and Pontefract. We are about to make over the website and we will start using this new name then.

Modular Posts

Nearly all of our trainees have a modular post as the middle post on their rotation. This is usually good because it means that you finish your rotation with 6 months full time in general practice. There are however some trainees for whom this may not be such a good idea. If you as a trainee are having problems with satisfactorily completing nMRCGP then it can be a distraction doing a modular post at the start of your last 12 months training.

The Programme Directors have decided that only those trainees who can demonstrate that they are on track to satisfactorily complete nMRCGP should be allowed to do a modular post. To demonstrate that you are on track we would usually expect you to have passed AKT before starting the last year.

GP Trainers CPD payment

The cheques have arrived - if you have not recieved yours then contact the Deanery!

ARCP panel dates

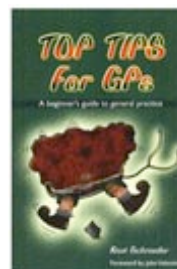
The Deanery is holding ARCP panels on 9/12, 16/12 and 17/12. If you are due a panel in December the Deanery expects everything to have been completed including ES and CSR report by Tuesday 1st December.

Pay

Just to confirm that the GP supplement has now been reduced to 45% - this is to match GP trainee pay to that of hospital trainees with a reduction in working hours and subsequent pay.

David Brown

General Practice By Knut Schroeder



[Click here](#) to buy this book via the Bradford VTS website and contribute to the costs of running the site.

Whilst browsing I loved the cover - not much about on Amazon but the cover looks great!