

3rd year SpR Questionnaire

We would be very grateful if you could please complete the following questionnaire looking at the career choices of final year SpR's nationwide.

This information is for research purposes only and all responses are completely confidential.

With many thanks

BOS Training Grades Group.



DEMOGRAPHICS

1.1. Age _____ years

1.2. Gender Male Female

1.3. Year of graduation from dental school _____

1.4. Which dental school did you qualify from? _____

1.5. Which dental school are you undertaking your orthodontic training with?

1.6. Type of higher degree carried out / carrying out eg MSc, DDS _____

1.7. Are you committed to living in a certain area of the country?

Yes (where I currently live) Yes (elsewhere) No

Career Plans

2. Do you know what type of post you are going to apply for ?

FTTA post

Academic FTTA post

FTTA post later

Specialist practice

Staff grade

CDS

Don't know yet

Combination (please specify) _____

FTTA Entrance Requirements

3. Which of the following factors related to entrance requirements do you feel might negatively influence you when considering applying to an FTTA post? (please tick all applicable boxes)

The requirement for publications

The competition involved in the process

The fear of not being offered a place at interview

Other factors (please specify)

Finance

4. Which of the following financial factors do you feel may influence you when considering whether or not to apply for FTTA posts? (please score from 1—most important to 3—least important)

The FTTA salary compared to the potential salaries earned in specialist practice

Additional expenses such as books and courses

The burden of debt from dental school

(Approx. how much debt did you leave dental school with? £_____)

Other financial factors (please specify)

Training Programme

**5. Which of the following factors related to the FTTA training programme do you feel might dissuade you from applying for an FTTA post?
(please score from 1—most important to 5—least important)**

The length of further training required

The shortage of part-time or flexible training posts

The prospect of further exams

Taking a post may involve moving to another area of
the country

Other factors (please specify)

General FTTA Issues

6.1. What do you think are the advantages of FTTA training?

**(please tick all relevant boxes and also highlight with a star
which would influence you the most)**

Further training provided

Chance to be involved in teaching

Chance to undertake research

Chance to be involved in multi-disciplinary care

Chance to write articles for publication

Chance to learn about health service management

Chance to become a consultant

Other factors (please specify)

6.2. Would any other financial factors may positively or negatively influence you to apply for FTTA training? (Please tick all relevant boxes)

Lack of specialist practice jobs in my area

Worries regarding the new contract in NHS practice

Worries regarding long-term availability of funding for
orthodontics in NHS practice

Worries regarding long-term provision of orthodontics in
secondary care

Other factors (please specify) _____

7. If you are thinking of pursuing the FTTA route what type of clinical environment do you ultimately want to work in?

Full time consultant in a dental hospital

Part time consultant in a dental hospital

Full time consultant in a district general hospital

Part time consultant in a district general hospital

Part time hospital consultant and part time in specialist practice

Don't know at this stage

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. If there are any additional comments you wish to make please add them below

Please return the completed questionnaire to the TGG representative.

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