

SAC rep report for Community Group AGM 21-04-16

SAC meets twice a year and jointly with TPDs (Training Programme Directors) after one of these meetings.

Over the past two years we have discussed the lack of StRs going forward to post-CCST training. This led to a survey by TGG to ascertain the reasoning. Financial implications as well as the unwillingness to move were strong reasons. As a result of this, part-time training (minimum six sessions per week) open to all, not just those with specific family commitments, is being proposed. Also “run-through training” is being considered. It has been proposed that trainees in their third year, following “benchmarking” (an interview to ascertain their suitability for further post-CCST training) could stay in the same area for further training. There will be restrictions in training numbers and the posts would move to different regions according to need.

This coming year the GDC is reviewing all the dental specialty curricula and intends to review curricula 5 yearly thereafter. The idea is to have a common framework with all specialties with knowledge and competencies drafted by SAC. There have been four nominations to this post.

There continues to be much work on WBAs (workplace based assessments). SAC have recently decided to increase the minimum number per year now that TPDs are familiar with the system. Guidance for both trainees and trainers will shortly be easier to find on the BOS website.

As SAC rep I visit two deaneries, Oxford and West Midlands, for their trainees’ ARCPs as an external validator.

The next meeting is in September, 2016.

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