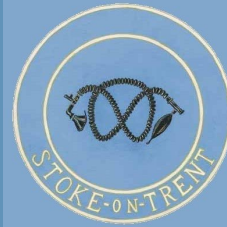




## STOKE SCHOOL OF ANAESTHESIA TRAINEE NEWSLETTER



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### APPLICANTS FOR A NEW STOKE SCHOOL TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVE

We have had a number of applicants to replace Tom Chapman as a Stoke School Trainee Representative when he moves onwards and upwards in life as a Consultant.

The role is really important, and acts as a bridge between trainees and those in charge of our training.

We have asked applicants to prepare a short statement outlining why they should be considered for the position, and we will then be asking you to vote as a trainee body on who you would like as your representative, so please keep a look out for an email!

*Welcome to your 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Trainee Newsletter.*

It seems to have only got colder since the last newsletter went out in December!

It has been an extremely busy winter period putting huge strain on all trainees, who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them.

Lets keep up the good work!

#### Trainee Prize Evening

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Stafford  
Postgraduate Medical Center**

This always proves to be both an excellent educational and social event, providing a great chance to catch up with colleagues past and present.

*Abstract deadline 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

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#### Lifelong Learning

There will be a new platform replacing the RCoA Eportfolio due to be rolled out in August. Those starting CT1, ST3 or ST5 in August will switch over initially.

Training sessions will be organised to explain the process and allow you to familiarise yourselves with the new platform.

Please keep a look out for further information and dates.

#### For Your Interest...

Given recent events in Paediatric medicine, if anyone is returning to work from a significant period off, the RCoA run a 'GASAgain' (Giving Anaesthesia Safely Again) course. See RCoA Website.

The Birmingham School hosts the Tri-School study day this year on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at BCH: "Situational Awareness and Teamwork".

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## MODULE AND ARCP NEWS

Lots of information including specific Module Handbooks and ARCP checklists are available on the Stoke School Website:

[www.stokeanaesthesia.org.uk](http://www.stokeanaesthesia.org.uk)

Please make sure you utilise this resource!

## TRAINEE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

If you think that a trainee has achieved something excellent and you think that they deserve recognition...please nominate them for an Excellence Award. This is done via the Stoke School Website.

Recent recipients are: Dr Lisa Boras Dr Ben Hockenull

## WMTRAIN Update

The West Midlands Trainee Research in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Network, has been established by a group of trainees to support involvement in quality improvement and research.

For those interested in pursuing an academic career in anaesthesia, WMTRAIN have provided information and mentoring on research process and approvals, grant applications and higher academic training.

As trainees move between trusts, each hospital has a consultant lead, or "champion". As new studies are launched information is shared via the WMTRAIN website and social media accounts, and consultant trust leads are informed to help identify suitable trainees to lead and support data collection.

Useful links:

Website: [wmtrain.com](http://wmtrain.com)

RAFT website: [rafttrainees.com](http://rafttrainees.com)

Twitter: [@wmtrain](https://twitter.com/wmtrain)

Membership: via Basecamp site. Please email [drcharlottesmall@gmail.com](mailto:drcharlottesmall@gmail.com) to be added.

## OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

### Stoke School Teaching

At least 70% attendance is mandatory for the Primary and Final FRCA teaching. It is not expected you attend pre- or post- on call, but please let Ann Moore know if you cannot make the teaching. As well as being good manners, this will inform the panel at ARCP so it is in your best interests to do so!

There is no minimum attendance requirement for Post-Fellowship trainees, who are just required to show evidence of CPD activity on their portfolios.

### Exception Reporting

Exception reporting is the mechanism to ensure that training can be safeguarded, workloads kept manageable, and safeguards maintained both for your health and the safety of the patients you look after.

Any concerns surrounding missed educational and training opportunities, or levels of support during service commitments should be exception reported.

Each hospital has it's own system

which is usually a form completed and submitted online.

Please think about this if you have any issues or concerns. This is the only mechanism that gives real power to the college tutors to force change where it is needed.

### The use of e-portfolios and reflections

Given recent events, most trainees have at some point questioned the 'professional safety' of writing reflections.

Please see the post on the stoke school website for some immediate advice and a link to the joint statement from the conference of postgraduate deans and the academy of medical colleges.

There is also links below with more information:

<https://www.medicalprotection.org/uk/about-mps/media-centre/media-gallery/mps-blogs/blogs/good-medical-practice/gmc-issues-blog-posts/gmc-issues/2018/02/05/the-use-of-e-portfolios-and-reflections>

<https://gmcuk.wordpress.com/2018/02/02/faqs-outcome-of-high-court-appeal-dr-bawa-garba-case/>

<https://www.bma.org.uk/connecting-doctors/b/the-bma-blog/posts/bawa-garba-case-meeting-your-concerns>