

Wanted! GP practices interested in becoming training practices.

GP training has changed, and all GP specialist trainees now need to spend 18 months in General Practice.....and *new training practices and trainers are needed!*

Why train?

- Training is a good way to keep one's own knowledge and clinical skills up to date and challenge old assumptions. This will be particularly useful with preparation for upcoming revalidation.
- GP specialist trainees are supernumerary to the practice, and whilst needing GP time for teaching will inevitably help with practice workload, particularly towards the end of placement.
- Training is a challenge. It is by no means easy to be a good trainer, and most of us thrive on a challenging and worthwhile task. Becoming a trainer can refresh a doctor with new interest.
- Training practices have kudos, generally practice a high standard of medicine and there is a small annual training grant of about £7600!

To become a trainer you must have:

- 1. Been on the performers list for 3 years post completion of GP training.*
- 2. Have MRCGP qualification and partake in annual appraisal*
- 3. Been in your current practice for at least 1 year.*
- 4. Attend a 5 day (2 day residential course- 3 further separate days) New Trainers Course and complete a short written assignment.*
- 5. Fill in an application form and arrange a deanery approval visit.*

Practices need to have:

- 1. Ethos of supporting training within practice*
- 2. A minimum time of 10minute appointments for all partners.*
- 3. Evidence of high quality clinical practice, e.g.; Notes summarised, good QOF achievement ~95% of maximum, (or a valid reason why this may not be the case.)*

Remember, you only have to fulfil these criteria by the training visit and deanery support may be available to help your practice.

Drs' Jonathan Cleary and Michelle Hayes, from Yorkley Health Centre in the Forest of Dean are both recently qualified GP trainers who have been appointed by the deanery to give informal advice on the process and our experiences and what support could be available for your practice to begin training!

Please do not hesitate to contact us for an informal chat, we can be contacted by either email or by old fashioned phone, we will always get back to you if you leave a message!

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