

Minutes of trainers' Workshop meeting 20th Jan 2009

- We congratulated **Wendy** on taking on the job of CO alongside Andrew. For the time being, trainers should continue to address all queries to Andrew, who will pass some on to Wendy.
- Topics, session leaders & dates for **2009 meetings** were chosen, and put onto the VTS website by Andrew
- Andrew spoke about **future allocation of trainees**, giving specific names & placements for Aug 2009 and news of expected (increased) numbers in Aug 2010. Several local GPs are doing the Assoc trainer or full Trainer's courses this year, including some from currently non-training practices. From Aug 09 some trainees will spend 6m of their ST1 year full-time in GP; innovative posts will also continue on their present basis, ie part-time in GP.
- Andrew spoke about **changes to the requirement for OOH experience** within WBPA, or at least to how this will be interpreted locally: see below for more detail.
- Wendy circulated a letter from Helen James about the need for all practices to demonstrate that at least some doctors were taking steps to keep up to date on **obstetrics**, & we discussed the need to ensure trainees received adequate exposure to antenatal & postnatal care, especially since a few never do O&G jobs.
- Louisa passed on a message from the organisers of the GP attachments for **Cambridge medical students**, who would like to recruit more practices in our area. She would be happy to answer queries about this, &/or people can look at the relevant website, <https://erweb.medschl.cam.ac.uk/>

OOH competence

Once trainees have completed 3 "green" sessions for Harmoni they can be signed off as having demonstrated OOH competence.

To become green they need a recommendation from their trainer; they can then ask their next OOH clinical supervisor to certify them as fit to go green, provided they agree. A clinical supervisor's opinion that the trainee is ready to go green is advisory only, and the trainer can override it if they disagree.

Clinical supervisors' comments should be recorded in the trainee's OOH log by saying "clin supervisor: Dr X" and then entering Dr X's comments underneath. Once the clinical supervisor says they agree with the trainer that the trainee can go green, the trainer has to email Harmoni to tell them this.

More on this is to be found in a newsletter from Helen Alefounder, Harmoni's medical director.