

## Colchester GP Trainers Workshop Wednesday 16th March 2011

### Course Organiser Report

Excellent turn out for first VTS of the new academic year last week and the afternoon session was spent going through e portfolio completion.

VTS web site is not being updated regularly at present – but it is hoped that this will be sorted out soon

VTS residential will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011. Roger Neighbour will be a guest speaker on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at Stoke by Nayland. Volunteers still needed for CSA type assessments to be held on the Saturday session (October 1<sup>st</sup>).

### Primary Care research and why we should think about it

Presented by Louisa

‘Why consider this topic?’

‘Why should ordinary GPs bother to do research?’

‘What works?’

Discussion of quantitative and qualitative research

Practicalities discussed and a useful list of sources of advice and possible funding discussed – including Essex and Hertfordshire CLRN, RCGP Scientific Foundation Board, Anglia Ruskin University, Essex University and SAPC.

### Recent Research in Medical Education

Presented by Jane

Summary attached separately

### Next meeting

The next meeting at the Ramada will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Elmer will present a video of a Case Based Discussion for review and benchmarking.

A reminder that the January meeting will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012** and provisionally it is expected that meetings next year will be held on **Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>**. The July meeting will be held as small groups for video reviews of teaching again. These dates will be confirmed at the January meeting and the later dates also worked out