



Northwest School of Anaesthesia Trainee Newsletter

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E-portfolio

There has been some confusion and difficulties in implementing the Royal College's new E-portfolio and all trainees should have received an email letter from the Head of School, Chris Till explaining the key requirements trainees will need to fulfil. Just to reiterate the key points (**WBA = workplace based assessment**):

- All trainees now on the new (2010) curriculum should also be using the E-portfolio.
- You should have received your login details from the RCoA. If not please contact **Lorna Kennedy** at the college directly (lkennedy@rcoa.ac.uk)
- The school understands many trainees will have started modules and paperwork on the new curriculum before gaining access to the E-portfolio. All WBA's and other supporting paperwork for this period can be scanned into your portfolio once you have access.
- The E-portfolio will be used at ARCPs from **January 2012**. There will be some flexibility for trainees providing paper based evidence, however failing to provide sufficient evidence (either E-portfolio or paper based) will not be acceptable.
- Not every item/box needs a WBA for modules on the new curriculum, however you **must complete a WBA for the core learning outcomes of each module**. If unsure ask your college tutor or educational lead for that particular module.
- Try to be smart and link every WBA you complete to as many relevant learning outcomes as possible.

Please also remember this is a national initiative direct from the College. Many of the delays since August have been out of the Northwest School's control. Further information on the E-portfolio can be found at:

<http://www.rcoa.ac.uk/index.asp?PageID=1790>

North West School of Anaesthesia

3rd Annual Trainees' Audit Day to present the Robbie McKendrick Prize

10th November 2011
1pm onwards

Post Grad Centre, North Manchester General Hospital

For details please email:
drclairemoore@hotmail.co.uk

WANTED

Post-fellowship registrars to assist with FRCA exam practice days

Primary OSCE/VIVA: 15-16 Dec 2011
ERC, Wythenshawe Hospital

Primary MCQ: 9-11 Jan 2012
Ed Centre, Fairfield Hospital, Bury

Final VIVA: 4th & 30th November 2011
ERC, Wythenshawe Hospital
(contact Geraint Briggs [geraintbriggs@mac.com] for Final VIVA days)

CPD points awarded

Email Janet Coulson at:

nwanaesthesia@aol.com

News from the last School Board Meeting

ST3 Recruitment – will now occur on a biannual basis (August and February intakes just like the good old days!). It is expected that for those eligible there will be approximately 6 posts available in February 2012. Recruitment into core training (CT1) remains annual (August only)

Simulation – There are now simulation courses in every year of training.

- CT1/2: Critical incidents, transfer, obstetric and airway
- ST3/4: MEPA (paeds) and neuro
- ST5/6/7: Airway, advanced obstetrics, regional, human factors and training the trainers

It is expected that you attend all these simulation courses, when applicable, at the appropriate times. Details are available on the deanery and [nwanaesthesia](http://nwanaesthesia.com) websites.

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Website – There have been some problems with the new website launched and operated by the Deanery. Essentially they mainly relate to material that lies in the public domain and various issues surrounding confidentiality. In the meantime we will therefore continue to use the old website, but should you have any problems finding information or paperwork that should be there please email either myself or Janet Coulson (school administrator):

jonbannardsmith@doctors.org.uk
nwanaesthesia@aol.com

Management & Leadership training – There are a number of courses covering these topics, and the school don't mind which you choose, but would advise trainees to complete at least one. The Deanery now offers leadership training as part of the National Medical Leadership Competency Framework, for which there is something on offer for all grades of training. For more information see:

<https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/medical-leadership>

Training in Paediatric Anaesthesia – As most of you will be aware the new curriculum has brought changes to the way the school now deliver training in paediatric anaesthesia. The main one being ST3's no longer rotate to the Children's Hospital, but rather complete their paed module in a DGH setting. The school and the lead trainer for Paeds (Dr Dan Fines) are keen to ensure ST3's are given sufficient training and experience and want to know if there are any problems. For this reason we now have a dedicated trainee representative for Paediatric Anaesthesia: **Natalie Cooper** (email: nsmason1@hotmail.com). Natalie is an advanced Paeds Anaesthesia trainee interested in collecting data on the ST3's new training experience. If you have any issues with your paed module your college tutor should be the first port of call, but please contact Natalie with any general comments or suggestions you may have.

New trainee reps – As Claire and I prepare to step down, we will be holding elections for new trainee representatives in the New Year. The structure and remit of the role is due to be adjusted and formalised slightly. In essence we plan to have representatives serving a two year term from each level of training:

- Core training (CT1-2)
- Intermediate training (ST3-4)
- Higher training (ST5+)

If you are interested in more information or running for election please email me directly at:

jonbannardsmith@doctors.org.uk

Best wishes to you all,

**Jon Bannard-Smith &
Claire Baylis**

Trainee Representatives

Manchester Medical Society

Section of Anaesthesia

Half day symposium:

**“Getting from A to B:
putting the recommendations
of NAP4 into practice”**

09:00 – 12:30

Thursday 10th November 2011

**Postgraduate Medical Centre
North Manchester General Hospital**

For more information and booking see:

<http://www.mms.org.uk/Programmes%202011-12/Anaesth%20Nov%202011%20-%20Insert.pdf>

E-portfolio survey – In order to accurately assess the use of the E-portfolio by trainees here in the Northwest we will shortly be sending out a survey on the topic. Please take the time to complete this survey to give us a better idea where to focus help and support.

If you have anything you'd like printing

in our next newsletter, or anything you'd like us to raise at the next school board meeting please email it to:

jonbannardsmith@doctors.org.uk