

Dear Colleagues (as a BAOMS Fellow in Training)

We are in an uncertain situation during this COVID lockdown and we have seen several messages from BAOMS, JCST.

Trainee welfare: JCST statement informs (<https://www.jcst.org/jcst-news/2020/03/19/covid-19/>) that ARCPs are suspended for now and where they happen they will be abbreviated in time and personnel. They should not be something to be concerned about at present. Some of us in the OMFS departments may be deployed somewhere else to unfamiliar situations. This will also happen to your DCT colleagues, so please do offer them support. They will feel even less in their comfort zone than you do yourself.

CCT dates: Nothing has been decided but there is recognition across medicine and dentistry that trainees should not be disadvantaged by playing an important role in this current crisis.

Recruitment: Trainees who are already appointed will start their ST3 jobs even if they don't have MRCS. But they need to finish it before the commencement of ST4. Those who have been appointed pending their dental finals will also be able to start their posts. This has been negotiated by Emma Woolley - SAC Chair.

Nothing has been decided yet about the next round of recruitment for OMFS jobs in Autumn 2020 for 2021 starts. If they happen, it is likely they will have portfolio and web interviews in September.

ISCP: WBAs and reflective notes, especially when working outside OMFS, may have a value but are not essential or required.

We have added useful links toward the bottom of the BAOMS COVID page https://www.baoms.org.uk/professionals/omfs_and_covid-19.aspx – also listed below.

Please take a moment to complete the COVID survey <https://savingfaces.wufoo.com/forms/z10urj1o1c5hw7w/>

Regards

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Links to relevant documents:

BAOMS website page on COVID-19 related documents: https://www.baoms.org.uk/professionals/omfs_and_covid-19.aspx

Joint Committee on Surgical Training (JCST): <https://www.jcst.org/jcst-news/2020/03/19/covid-19/>

NES Guidance for health care workers in Scotland: <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

Joint policy statement from Surgical Royal Colleges: <https://www.rcsed.ac.uk/media/564008/joint-policy-statement-on-covid-19.pdf>

Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, UK statement re: Re deployment of staff during COVID-19 pandemic.
https://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/270320_deployment_during_COVID-19.pdf

A position statement from the Academy Trainee Doctors' Group re: Redeployment of trainees during COVID-19

Pandemic: https://www.aomrc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/200326_ATGD_COVID-19-redeployment.pdf

Joint Committee for Intercollegiate Examinations (JCIE) statement on postponement of all exams: <https://www.jcie.org.uk/content/content.aspx?ID=7>

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