

Mark Boyle – North Wales/Mersey

The trainees in North Wales and Mersey have nominated Mr Boyle because he is a “hands-on” trainer with enthusiasm, pragmatism and skill mixed in with just the right amount of cynicism to recognise that the best training sometimes happens in spite of the system rather than because of the system.

He takes time with trainees in early stages of training to guide them through his areas of sub-specialty practice (skins, paediatric, trauma and orthognathic) building strong foundations for future development.

Later in training he has the trust, support and respect to give senior trainees the room to develop into independent surgeons using his patients.

This is a difficult balance to find picking the right level of supervision for trainees of a range of abilities, but he manages to do it, usually with a smile.

His pragmatic and practical approach to the management of trauma makes a complex area of OMFS more understandable and easier to learn.

He sets a high standard of patient care, and delivers this across the full range of his practice. He is approachable, supportive and good. Learning by example, the apprenticeship approach, it is old style surgical training at its best.

He has been an assigned educational supervisor to trainees needed additional targeting and approached this with empathy and professionalism.

He does hold additional educational qualifications (although he has passed all the requirements to be a level 1 trainer), but all previous trainees, who have progressed to consultant colleagues, hold him in great respect and with considerable gratitude.

We think he would be a worthy winner of the BAOMS OMFS Trainer of the Year and his nomination has the unanimous support of all the trainees in North Wales and Mersey. We think he is just the sort of modest, solid, hard-working and excellent trainer that this prize is designed to recognise and we hope our colleagues around the UK will support this nomination with a high ranking.