

British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons



# Starting out as a new Consultant reflections and advice

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# My journey so far...

- West Midlands StR training CCT 2017
- Locum Consultant OMFS Barnet & Chase Farm 2017-18
- Locum Consultant OMFS PAH, Harlow 2018-19
- Consultant OMFS PAH, Harlow 2019-2021
- Consultant OMFS Northampton 2021 to present
- BAOMS Council Member
- SSIG skin surgery Deputy Chair
- TPD for DCT East of England
- MSc Medical and Healthcare Education





# Things you need to know about

- Patient pathways
- Clinical coding
- Job planning and Appraisal
- Pensions
- Clinical Excellence Awards/National Clinical Impact Awards

#### Advice

- Broaden your horizons
- Support the next generation
- Get involved
- Grasp opportunities
- Value your Team
- Ask for help if you need it
- Don't take on too much at once (work-life balance)
- Enjoy yourself 😳

#### Broaden your horizons

- Location
- Find out more about the post



• Good colleagues and wider Team are important

### Support the next generation

- Training (ES/TPD)
- Study days (local, regional, JTG and FiT Conferences)
- Revision courses (FRCS, MRCS)
- Examining

#### Extended roles as a Consultant



- Undergraduate
  - Medical/Dental school
  - Examiner, interviewer, lectureships, project supervisors
- Postgraduate
  - DCT
  - Foundation/Core training
  - Specialty training
  - National recruitment
  - ARCP/STC
  - SAC
- Mentorship programmes
  - Consultant peer mentoring, BAOMS VRN



- Tier 2 Clinical Supervisor
- Tier 3 Educational Supervisor
- Tier 4 College Tutor, TPD, DME
- Tier 5 Head of School, Associate Dean, Deputy Dean
- Trust appointed roles (rather than HEE)
  - DME
  - Foundation TPD

- Training required
  - Online modules, HEI day, Hub day, ARCP chair course and keep up to date
- GMC mandated and recorded on GMC register
- Remuneration: Tiers 4 and 5 HEE, Tier 3 local, Tier 2 part of Consultant contract
- Benefits of keeping in touch with trainees and training pathways
- Networking, learning
- Opportunities to undertake PGCert/PGDip/MSc (HEE funding available)

- How to get appointed
  - Introduce yourself to the postgraduate team/DME/TPD
  - Make contact with local Medical/Dental Schools
  - Adverts through Trust or HEE
  - Do the training
  - Take the opportunities

#### Management roles

- Departmental
  - Clinical Lead
  - Audit and Governance Lead
  - Education Lead



#### Management roles

- Trust level
  - Clinical Director/Divisional Director
  - Medical Director/AMD
- Caldicott Guardian, Guardian of Safe Working
- Governance leads
- Medical Examiner
- Appraiser

### Other roles

- Royal Colleges
  - RSPA, Specialty Advisory Board, Council



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- Council, Appointed roles, QOMS, SSIG
- BTOMS, mentorship
- BAHNO, EACMFS, IAOMS, other subspecialty groups

### Other roles

- Teaching
  - AO, SORG
  - Running courses (revision courses, subspecialty courses)
- Examining
  - MRCS, MFDS, FRCS, others (MOMS)
- Research
  - Lab/clinical research
  - Journal reviewer/editor
- CQC, NICE, etc

### My advice...

- Get involved, grasp opportunities
- Speak to people
- Don't try to do everything at once, there is plenty of time!
- Diversity is good in a team needs of department, your own interests





# Things to consider

- Courses
  - Teaching courses/qualifications (PGCert/Dip, MSc)
  - NOTSS
  - Management and leadership (MBA)
- Job planning
- Who to speak to
- Balancing commitments
- Conflicts of interest



# Value your Team

- Juniors
- Nurses
- Managers
- Admin and support
- Wider team...



#### Don't take on too much at once

- Stress
- Burnout
- It's a marathon not a sprint...
- And remember to ENJOY YOURSELF!