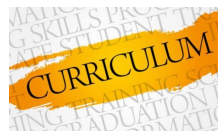




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# OMFS SAC NEWS



## From the SAC desk

Welcome to the winter newsletter from the OMFS SAC. The last SAC



meeting was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, London on the 7th November, 2019. It was a relatively short meeting as the day was combined with a TPD development day.

**'TIG fellowships will no longer be pre-CCT in the new curricula'**

The SAC predominately discussed the new curriculum which, if approved, will be implemented in August, 2020. The GMC has decided that the TIG training programme will no longer be included in the pre-certification curricula as the learning objectives do not affect the award of certification within the parent curricula. This has been one of the most recent developments in the new curricula.

## TIG Fellowships



The GMC’s Curriculum Oversight Group (COG) recently advised JCST that they consider the TIG fellowships best suited to post-CCT training. The aims of the new curricula are to develop consultants with the professional capabilities, skills and knowledge of a

‘day 1 consultant.’ Therefore the rationale behind the latest decision is that the highly specialised areas of clinical practice covered by the TIGs are not required of a day-one consultant. Discussions are still on-going, as the JCST and SACs recognise the value of quality assured and funded sub-specialty programmes such as TIGs.

The JCST have advised that trainees entering their final year of specialty training in August/October 2020 will remain on the old curricula and will be able to apply for TIG Fellowships starting in June 2021.

Our advice for trainees interested in undertaking Fellowships-TIG or otherwise is to continue to prepare and plan as normal. Trainees interested in undertaking any kind of Fellowship/Out of Programme activity are advised to discuss this with their TPDs and/or SAC liaison members. The SAC and BAOMS are currently creating a resource for the BAOMS website which will detail the Fellowships undertaken by previous trainees in recent years.

## eLogbook indicative numbers



The SAC discussed indicative numbers for index procedure in the new curricula. The current requirement for indicative numbers was based on logbooks of trainees in the past rather than any more

### *Courses in the new OMFS curriculum*



The GMC are resistant to mandatory courses as they feel it is more important to mandate a learning outcome as the majority if not all learning outcomes can be achieved by a variety of means. As an example, the three already approved new curricula including paediatrics has no reference to courses required. This always raises concern about funding for courses. The aim is to encourage innovation and allow training programmes to host their own courses when appropriate. Applications for study leave funding will still be agreed where it is set out in a learning agreement between trainee and Educational Supervisor and it is argued is the only way of achieving the outcome. It will be interesting to see the practicality of this. Further guidance has been issued by the GMC in the past month and the final list for OMFS is still under preparation.

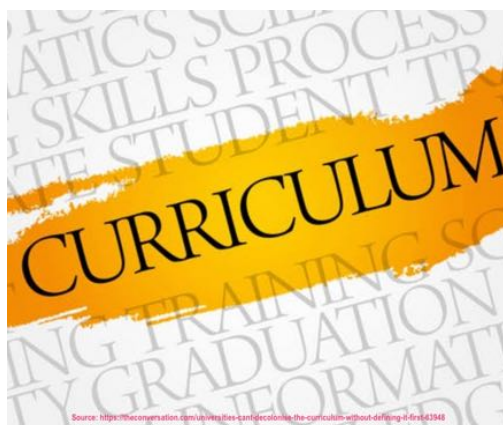
educational reasons. Indicative numbers demonstrate the depth and breadth of experience to which a trainee has been exposed, which is one factor that contributes to the judgement of their competence, rather than a marker of competence in itself. In the new curriculum, Capabilities in Practice (CiPs) will be the ultimate assessment of competence. Therefore, there has been an adjustment in the indicative numbers required for some of the index procedures in the new curricula, often reduced but maintaining the requirement for a broad exposure to OMFS practice. **The new list will not be in use until the new curriculum is approved and commenced.**

## National recruitment

Recruitment update was provided by Mr Ian Holland. In the last ST3 recruitment round in September, 2019, there were 6 appointable candidates out of 7 for 15 ST3 positions. One declined any of the posts available to them and ultimately 5 posts were filled leaving 10 unfilled posts. The next recruitment round for OMFS will be in February, 2020.



## Curriculum update



As mentioned in the last newsletter, the purpose statement of the new OMFS curriculum was submitted and has been approved a few months ago. Essentially, this is a statement that outlines the rationale for what the

curriculum aims to develop in an OMFS consultant, bearing in mind the needs of patients, the NHS and employers. The specialty-specific syllabus content has been submitted and recently the whole new OMFS curriculum has been accepted

## OMFS Dental Registration

The GDC is no longer issuing letters of confirmation of their recognition of dental degrees. Currently, GDC will issue a letter to trainees that haven't stayed registered that they have never been 'struck off' and this was deemed acceptable for certification purposes. Those who have trained abroad and received a dental degree from an unrecognised university will need to undertake the LDS or ORE.

For certification purposes, the requirements are currently either a registrable degree or to have undertaken one of the aforementioned examinations.

Currently, the above advice is valid but it still remains the advice of the SAC that being registered with GDC is the only **sure** way of demonstrating possession of a registrable dental degree.

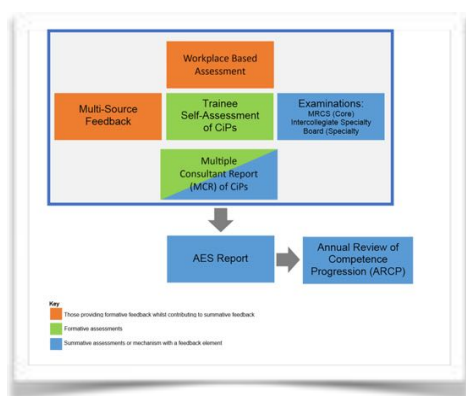
Things can change and it remains the responsibility of an individual to meet certification requirements. Please see BAOMS website for official guidance.





by GMC for implementation in August, 2020 but with some minor amendments requested. The new modules have been created by mainly BAOMS specialty leads and an SAC member paired with them.

All trainees will transition into the new curriculum in August, 2020. Trainees in their final year of training in August/October 2020 can opt to stay in the old curriculum.



After the SAC meeting, the Training Programme Directors (TPDs) were given a presentation by the TPD lead Mr Rhodri Williams about the new curriculum and in particular the new assessment framework. This will comprise of Multiple Consultant

Reports (MCRs) of the Capabilities in Practice (CiPs) and General Professional Capabilities (GPC). The workplace-based assessments (WBAs) will be reserved for index procedures, critical conditions and as part of extra-assessment in areas of development need



**Trainers and trainees are advised to look at videos on the ISCP website to familiarise themselves with changes in the new curriculum.**

**Link: Please click link below**

**[Curriculum update 1](#)**

**The GPCs describe the attributes that the GMC consider are common to all doctors and can provide a useful self-assessment tool to a surgeon's overall professional competence.**



<sup>1</sup>Editors

## JCST Quality Indicators

All units are advised to meet the OMFS JCST Quality Indicators (QIs) and if they are not, then trainees need to bring this to the attention of their TPD or Liaison Member. The link to the current QIs is provided below:

**[OMFS Quality Indicators](#)**

## Raising training concerns

Despite the network of Liaison Members who support TPDs, trainees and training programme issues with maintaining standards of training and exposure to the curriculum, occasionally concerns are uncovered which could be solved if brought to the attention of those that can help. We understand the reluctance to raise issues at times. It is good practice to have a trainee representative who speaks on behalf of the trainees and the programmes at the Specialty Training Committee (STC) meetings and who has access to the SAC Liaison Member. Details are provided on the JCST website. Concerns can also be raised in confidence with the SAC Chair via the JCST office. Contact: omfs@jcst.org

## SAC meetings 2020

Wednesday 18 March 2020

Wednesday 17 June 2020

Wednesday 14 October 2020

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