

Stephen Crank - Yorkshire

Mr Stephen T Crank, Hull Royal Infirmary

We wish to nominate Stephen Crank as the Yorkshire candidate but we have decided not to use the five headings as suggested by the application process. As a group of registrars we feel that Mr Crank sets an excellent example for us and is an exceptional role model.

He has a very busy oncology practice in Hull and is dedicated in providing the very best care for his patients. He is an extremely compassionate surgeon with a high level of technical expertise and he is also the Clinical Lead for Maxillofacial Surgery in Hull. His dedication to his patients is second to none and always has time to listen to them (and their families) to improve their understanding and reassure them.

Despite his heavy case-load and administrative commitments he makes so much time for the Trainee. He is keen to talk through cases and is very patient whilst teaching surgical skills. Many of the trainees comment that operating with him is an excellent and beneficial experience and generally very enjoyable. He makes the operating theatre a fun place to be even during long, complex cases and gets a great deal of respect from the theatre staff and anaesthetists. He is happy to field questions about any aspect of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and speaks knowledgeably with a good understanding of the literature. Above all he makes the Trainee feel valued as an essential part of the team and we are treated as equals, with respect and are never taken for granted. He is always very keen to know our ideas and how we would approach cases. Despite his skills and knowledge he is extremely modest. It is obvious by his interest in us that he is keen for us to progress and pushes us to operate at a high level. He is happy to provide career guidance and always gives us the benefit of his experience. He very much enjoys operating but he would much rather guide a Registrar through a case to compliment their training. He is more than happy to complete work-based-assessments and these are taken seriously with constructive criticisms made.

So it is with great pleasure that we are have been given the opportunity to nominate Stephen Crank as many of us do perceive him as an unsung hero.