**Mr Jeremy Collyer**

**Nomination – BAOMS Trainer of the Year 2016**

Mr Collyer is currently working as a Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead and the East Surrey Hospital, Redhill. His sub-specialities include oral medicine and deformity. He also holds the post of Training Programme Director (TPD) For Kent, Surrey and Sussex Deanery (KSS).

Leadership Roles

As TPD for KSS, Mr Collyer is constantly thriving to improve training for his higher surgical trainees. One example of this is his role in facilitating attainment of the indicative numbers. With the difficulty trainees are facing nationally at present in achieving these numbers, especially in fields such as cleft and craniofacial surgery, Mr Collyer was early in facilitating and recommending trainees organise a placement at a craniofacial and cleft centre as part of their specialist training. Mr Collyer has also organised local measures such as microvascular teaching sessions with oncology Consultants to facilitate attainment of these numbers.

Training, Development and Resourcefulness

For the past year, every KSS trainee approaching the FRCS OMS has been asked to attend a mock part II exam. Trainers from each unit in the region have attended as examiners and Mr Collyer has contacted patients who were willing to act as examination subjects. The mock exam is conducted with clinical examinations during the morning and vivas during the afternoon. Success at FRCS for candidates in the region has been high, with feedback that the mock exam was the closest “practice run” to the real exam itself and was extremely useful in preparing oneself, both in terms of identifying weak areas of knowledge and the feeling of stress and anxiety/nervousness on the day.

Mr Collyer has been a key organiser of this event, which involved considerable preparation for the benefit of trainees.

Professionalism

Mr Collyer is very highly regarded by trainees throughout the region. He is always approachable and a registrar recently recounted the experience of her first pregnancy with due date 6 months after starting training. Mr Collyer was as supportive as ever: “Congratulations! Well, I have never been in this position before – we have not had a pregnant trainee in the department. Can you let me know what you need and I will do my very best to see that it is done”. Mr Collyer went over and above to discover what regulations and changes were required during that time and the trainee was highly supported, helping promote more women in OMFS. She reported “I will always be grateful for his help and kindness during that period”.

Mr Collyer is a highly talented trainer and surgeon and it is for the above reasons that he thoroughly deserves the recognition of Trainer of the Year BAOMS 2016.