

## Teaching Newsletter

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### Year 4 OSCE Examiner Training sessions

The Year 4 OSCE exams will be on Tuesday 21st June and Wednesday 22nd June 2016. The exams will take place at Bristol, Bath, Taunton and Cheltenham.

If you would like to help with examining you need to attend one of the planned examiner training sessions.

Swindon 9th Dec. 10.30-12.30, to book email [amandal.bell@gwh.nhs.uk](mailto:amandal.bell@gwh.nhs.uk)

Bristol 19th Jan. 9.30-11.00, to book email [phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk)

Bath 28th Jan. 2-4pm, to book email [ruh-tr.bath-academy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.bath-academy@nhs.net)

It is likely that there will be further OSCE training dates for Taunton, Yeovil and Gloucester

GP Teachers who acted as examiners at last year's OSCEs found it a useful experience. It shows what 4th year students can achieve and helps GPs to gauge and further develop their 4th year student teaching.

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### Wanted...Student Selected Component (SSC) supervisors

- ◆ Do you have an idea for an interesting audit/primary care project that you haven't had the time to complete?
- ◆ Would you like to be more involved in undergraduate student teaching?
- ◆ Would you like to get paid for this?



If the answer to these questions is YES, please read on....



### Interested in contributing to CAM research?

CAM = Complementary and alternative medicine

#### GPs needed for a focus group in January

##### CAM for multimorbid patients

Prof Debbie Sharp would like to invite you to take part in a scoping study to ascertain what is known and unknown about the use of integrative medicine for patients with multimorbidities (mental health and painful musculoskeletal problems) in UK general practice. Integrative medicine makes use of all appropriate therapeutic approaches, including complementary and traditional therapies, healthcare professionals and disciplines to achieve optimal health and healing. The focus group aims to inform the choice of an intervention worth testing in a trial.

We hope you may be willing to attend a 90 minute focus group in January at the University of Bristol to discuss your views on the issues around the use of integrative medicine for multimorbidities in primary care, and to help us to determine the priorities for a future trial in this area.

We can offer payment for your time (£80/hour) and travel expenses. We are interested in speaking to GPs with a range of views, attitudes and experiences regarding CAM. If you are interested, please email/call the study lead Dr Ava Lorenc [ava.lorenc@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:ava.lorenc@bristol.ac.uk)

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### What are SSCs?

SSCs are an allocated period of 3-4 weeks in Years 3 and 4 where students get to choose what they study, who they work with and where.

Most SSC's in primary care involve students going individually or in pairs to general practices to do audits or service improvement plans (SIP). However there is a lot of flexibility in what can be offered and we are keen to encourage new and innovative SSCs so please get in touch to discuss your ideas.

Primary care also offer taught SSCs where a group of students learn together, often combined with a GP attachment singly or in pairs. Examples this year included Primary Care in Special Settings where students had the opportunity to observe GPs working in prisons, with homeless people and asylum seekers.

*"I particularly liked that it was a friendly, relaxed environment with many opportunities to ask questions" Yr 4 Medical Student*

### Why supervise an SSC?

- ◆ Teaching students is stimulating and refreshing
- ◆ The student can do a useful piece of work for the practice
- ◆ Can be used as evidence for your portfolio/appraisal
- ◆ Publicises to medical students the opportunities of General Practice, which may lead to better recruitment post graduation

### Examples

- ◆ **Early cancer diagnosis in Primary Care—review of 2WW referrals**
- ◆ **Antidepressants prescribing in woman of child bearing age**

### Time commitment

Typically involves a planning meeting with the student in the spring, a couple of meetings during their SSC period in July, and then marking their report in August/September.

**SSC Dates** Year 3: 4th –29th July 2016 Year 4: 11th –29th July 2016

**Payment** Audit/SIP SSC: £430.96 per student project

**Taught SSCs have more funding**

**Please note that not all projects offered are taken up by students**

*"Practices could suggest audits, service improvement projects or literature reviews to answer specific questions relevant to the surgery. It was pretty straightforward and well remunerated for about six to eight hours' supervisory work. The practice now has a couple of useful documents. I've submitted more titles for this year" GP supervisor*

### Want to be involved or have more questions?

Please contact the Primary Care Teaching Office [phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk) or the GP SSC lead [veronica.boon@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:veronica.boon@bristol.ac.uk) for more information.

**Please note, projects will need to be finalised by mid January.**