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More GP Teachers needed for the new Year 5 teaching by David Memel

Thanks very much to all those who have already agreed to teach on the 'Preparing for Professional Practice' course starting in January. We still need more volunteers, particularly in the Bath, South Bristol and North Somerset Academies. Students will be going to General Practices in pairs for two weeks between New Year and Easter. The students will have passed **Finals** just before Xmas and with no more exams to take they will be eager to learn about the realities of being a doctor a few months later. It is a real opportunity to influence the next set of junior doctors, and for you to learn from them.

The teaching will be similar to the Year 4 (COMP2) teaching, but there are also some exciting new aspects

- More observing students consult and giving them feedback
- Theme based teaching surgeries
- Sending students off to find out information and feedback

These ideas were discussed with GP teachers at the Education Day on Sept 24th and there was a lot of enthusiasm. So if you want to join the fun (or just find out more) please contact phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk

Honorary Clinical Teacher Scheme

This scheme was developed to acknowledge our GP Teachers achievements and entitles you to a Bristol University email address and access to all of the University's library facilities, including e-journals. You will also receive a lovely certificate from us to display in your surgery. Information about the scheme, the criteria and how to apply will be emailed to all GP Teachers in the near future. Please look out for it, you may be eligible.

Welcome to our 'Core Teaching Practices' by Sian Johnson & Andrew Blythe

We are delighted to announce that the following established teaching practices in the Bristol area have taken on 'Core Teaching Practice' status this year:

- * Frome Valley Medical Centre, Frampton Cotterell
- * The Stokes Medical Centre, Stoke Gifford
- * The Old School Surgery, Fishponds
- * Wellspring Surgery, Barton Hill
- * Malago Surgery, Bedminster



This new scheme involves an agreement to teach medical students across all the years, including the new Year 5 placements and teaching two lots of Year 3 students through the year. Students consistently rated the teaching in these practices highly. We think that our core practices will further enhance the quality of Primary Care teaching.

We are planning to recruit more core teaching practices next spring. Please get in touch if interested.

Reflective template for Year 2 students on ICS course

To encourage active and self directed learning in Years 1&2 and to help create more connections between pre-clinical and clinical learning students are being asked to reflect on their learning experiences. They are encouraged to write brief notes using a 'learning template' and to collect these in a portfolio. This template will be used for all the lectures in Years 1&2. The template has the following questions

- What are the key messages/ learning points in this lecture?
- How does it build upon what I already know? What are the links with other lectures/practicals?
- How is this applied in clinical practice?
- What further studying do I need to do?



This template is also very useful for students learning in General Practice. We should encourage our students to link back to physiology, biochemistry, anatomy and other fields in the light of a specific patient encounter. For example we could ask our students to explain how COPD can lead to low arterial oxygen saturation etc.

- How does this fit with my learning from lectures and other practicals?
- What underlying processes explain this clinical picture?