

Postgraduate Education

Any trainee coming to Western Trust can expect to work in an environment that is busy with great support from Consultants and all members of each team. All staff are approachable, listen and will do all that they can to help. Clinical and educational supervision is considered of the upmost importance within the Trust.

WHSCT is deeply committed to the highest standards of postgraduate education and each department has a structured educational programme in addition to the hospital wide opportunities.

Education does not stop at formal training sessions. There are many other opportunistic training experiences available at ward rounds, handovers outpatients etc.



STEP West



The Specialist Trainees Engaged in leadership Programme (STEP) project is a Leadership Skills and Quality Improvement Programme for Specialist Trainees in the Western Trust.

STEP(WEST) aims to develop trainees' skills in medical leadership, and provides basic training in quality improvement (QI) with each trainee undertaking a quality improvement or patient safety initiative in their clinical areas under mentorship.

STEP(WEST) is open to ST3 and above trainees based in the Western Trust.



First Steps to Leadership

The First Steps to Leadership Programme is an exciting new programme which aims to develop medical leadership and quality improvement skills in foundation doctors training in the WHSCT. The programme is delivered through a combination of online learning, interactive workshops and participation in a Quality Improvement Project.



Developing the Undergraduate Teacher

Developing the Undergraduate Teacher is a new innovative programme led by teaching fellows, for FY1 trainees. The programme covers elements to help prepare, facilitate and develop structured teaching including giving effective feedback. This new programme provides FY1 trainees with skills to enhance teaching offered to final year students.



Training Courses

Lumbar Puncture Course

Lumbar Puncture courses continue to be offered through the Centre for Medical and Dental Education and Training in conjunction with Dr Abdul Hameed, Consultant Physician, AMU, Dr Mark McCarron, Consultant Neurologist, Dr Mark Lynch, Consultant Clinical Biochemist, and Dr Manav Bhavsar, Consultant in Anaesthetics. The courses take place four times yearly (or more if demand requires) and take place over an afternoon session with the help of a Lumbar Puncture simulator.

CCrISP NI (Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient)

CCrISP NI course organised by Mr Roger Lawther and the Surgical department with assistance from Medical and Dental Education.

CCrISP is an interactive course that explores the skills and knowledge needed to look after surgical patients including those who are deteriorating or at risk of doing so. Expert faculty help with develop practical, theoretical and personal skills so that you doctors can assess and manage critical situations in a systematic way.

III Medical Patients' Acute Care and Treatment (IMPACT) Course

The **IMPACT** course is a two-day course introducing the principles and practice of acute medical care and related knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes. Designed by the Federation of Royal Medical Colleges and the Royal College of Anaesthetists, this course is endorsed by the Resuscitation Council UK, the Intensive Care Society and the Society of Acute Medicine. **IMPACT** enables trainee doctors at CT1 level and above, (specifically trainee physicians) to assess and treat acutely unwell patients and where appropriate gives guidance on when to ask for help.

Dr Siddhesh Prabhavalkar, with assistance from Medical and Dental Education and Training, facilitate the IMPACT course in the Centre for Medical and Dental Education and Training.