Deanery sponsoring programme: South East of Scotland
Postgraduate Dean: Professor William Reid
Responsible Associate Dean/GP Director: Dr R Pugh
Programme Type -
- Deanery-based or National: National
- Specialty or Sub-specialty: Specialty
Date of GMC recent approval: August 2010
Associated Royal College / Faculty Royal College of Psychiatry
Web address Link
Curriculum and Associated Assessment System Link
Date programme information last updated August 2010

Recognised Programme Locations and Environments
This programme involves placements in some or all of these Health Boards and hospitals:
Blair Unit Aberdeen
Rowanbank Unit Glasgow
Orchard Clinic, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh
State Hospital, Carstairs
HM Prisons in Scotland
Mental Welfare Commission

Programme Director Dr J Crichton
Contact: Mrs Joan Bell 0131 537 5858

Why choose this programme
The National Training Scheme in Forensic Psychiatry covers the whole of Scotland. Trainees are based in the four Deanery areas where they will engage in most of their training. However, all Trainees will spend a period of training at the State Hospital, Carstairs and all Trainees will spend a period of training in Medium Secure Psychiatry in either Orchard Clinic, Edinburgh, or Rowanbank, Glasgow, or Robhallion, Perth, when it opens (projected 2011). There are also opportunities for specialist training in sub-specialty topics required for competencies (outside the deanery hub where necessary); for example Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry, Glasgow; Tayside Forensic Learning Disability Services, Dundee.

Higher Training in Forensic Psychiatry (ST4-6) takes place over three years in order to reach CCT (Certificate of Completion of Training).

During their three years, Trainees will normally undertake their first placement lasting for one year and subsequently placements can be for a shorter period of time. It is expected that Trainees will work in all levels of security, including community, low, medium and high. This allows Trainees to gain a wide experience of forensic psychiatry and to fulfill
all the necessary competencies.

The majority of placements include core experience; this includes in-patient, out-patient (including the preparation of specialist expert reports) and community-based work as well as prison sessions. Additionally, Trainees are expected to participate in liaison work with the Sheriff Court and High Court and with MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements). There are a number of more specialised training placements available within the Scheme including forensic child and adolescent psychiatry, forensic learning disability, placement with the Mental Welfare Commission and brief management placement with Scottish Government. There is also available of Balint group supervision in South East to support forensic psychotherapy competency.

With the approval of the Training Programme Director special interest sessions can be approved to support the acquisition of necessary competencies. These may include addiction psychiatry, forensic psychotherapy and other psychological treatments. There is available considerable expertise within the School of Forensic Mental Health to provide experience and training in risk assessment, which is a necessary competency.

Trainees are expected to undertake appropriate academic pursuits in their academic day. This will include the acquisition of research and audit competencies and may also include more specialist course work. There is available of teaching experience, at under-graduate level, post-graduate level, and multi disciplinary teaching. Teaching sessions, including journal club presentations and case presentations, take place in each Deanery hub.

The Scheme is hosted by South East Scotland Post Graduate Dean and there is a National Training Committee. A National Training Programme Director is Dr John Crichton and each Deanery and the State Hospital will have an Educational Supervisor and Specialty Advisor.

For all national enquiries the current point of contact is Dr John Crichton, Chair of Forensic Training Programme Director Group, care of Joan Bell, Orchard Clinic, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Morningside Terrace, Edinburgh, EH10 5HF (Tel: 0131 537 5858; email John.Crichton@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk).

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**Quality of Training**

**GMC Trainee Survey Information (2010)**

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