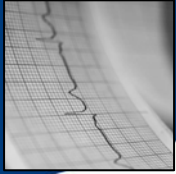




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Deanery sponsoring programme:	North of Scotland
Postgraduate Dean:	Professor Gillian Needham
Responsible Associate Dean/GP Director:	Mr Ken Walker
Programme Type -	
▪ Deanery-based or National:	Deanery
▪ Specialty or Sub-specialty:	Specialty
Date of GMC recent approval:	August 2010
Associated Royal College / Faculty	Royal College of Ophthalmologists
Web address	Link
Curriculum and Associated Assessment System	Link
Date programme information last updated	September 2010

Recognised Programme Locations and Environments

This programme involves placements in some or all of these Health Boards and hospitals:

North of Scotland - placements in Aberdeen hospitals and Inverness
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary
Raigmore Hospital Inverness

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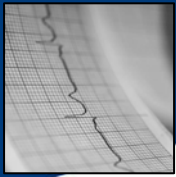
Why choose this programme?

North of Scotland deanery offers excellent training in ophthalmology in a beautiful area of the country! There are 9 ST positions in this surgical specialty in the North of Scotland Deanery, The 7 years of OST are covered - 5 years are spent at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Ophthalmology dept, with a further 2 x 1 year attachments in the Ophthalmology Dept at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, at different levels in training. A typical rotation will start with one year at OST 1 / 2 level in Aberdeen, and one in Inverness. There is an emphasis on gaining early competencies in microsurgical skills and cataract surgery, as well as the generic RCOphth curricular competencies.. Later in training there is more emphasis on themed 6 monthly rotations through all the major subspecialties, including Medical Ophthalmology. . There are occasional clinic trips to the Northern and Western Isles. There are 10 consultants in Aberdeen, and 7 consultants in Raigmore. Local ASTO's / TSC's are offered in Glaucoma, Medical Ophthalmology, Medical retina, Adnexal and Paediatrics. OOPE's and TSCs to gain extra experience elsewhere are supported when possible. Later in training, the programme can be tailored to take into account the individual trainee's future career plans. Training is



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closely supervised by a named educational supervisor for the duration of training, the programme director, and the local training committee.

The PMETB Trainee survey 2007-8 rated this North of Scotland Ophthalmology rotation as the best Ophthalmology rotation in the UK in terms of "overall trainee satisfaction" and "trainee workload"

Research and audit are encouraged and weekly sessions are provided for this. The Aberdeen eye dept is academically active and has close links with the University of Aberdeen, the Institute of Medical Sciences, and The Health Service Research Unit. The Aberdeen University Ophthalmology Dept. (the only University Ophthalmology Professorial Unit in Scotland) is headed by Professor John Forrester, who also runs a weekly teaching clinical ward round which all trainees attend. There is additionally a weekly postgraduate teaching session,

Aberdeen also hosts trainees in the allied specialty of Medical Ophthalmology, who share in the on-call and clinical duties.

The North of Scotland Deanery covers a vast geographical area and offers a wide range of both cosmopolitan and rural life choices. Both Aberdeen and Inverness are beautiful small cities, with easy access to surrounding stunning countryside. Both provide a high level of housing, schooling and provision of leisure pursuits e.g. Climbing, walking, golfing, skiing, surfing, sailing, to name a few. In studies, some of the highest quality of living indices in the UK are found in the North East of Scotland. The area has a continuing buoyant economy based on the oil industry and its world-renowned engineering expertise: for others this means a high quality of life, and especially good air links to and from the area.

For further information follow the links:

Tourist information - www.aberdeentoday.co.uk/, <http://www.aberdeen-grampian.com/>

Health Boards - <http://www.nhsgrampian.org/>, www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk/

Aberdeen City & Shire - www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/, www.aberdeencityandshire.com/

Grampian Institute of Sport - <http://www.gisport.org.uk/>

Aberdeen University - www.abdn.ac.uk/

How to apply

<http://www.scotmt.scot.nhs.uk/>

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Quality of Training

GMC Trainee Survey Information (2010)

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