As the trainee rep I attended the Wales Speciality Training Committee Meeting last week. There were a few interesting points raised that I wanted to share with you. Firstly there was feedback that there has been a lack of engagement with the ECAS system. This is set up by the Wales Deanery to allow us to monitor our training and to use as a tool to help feeding back to the unit you’re working in as evidence that you are not receiving the recommended training sessions. The STC advise that they will not use this as negative feedback in any form in ARCP (in fact it is not consulted for ARCP). I raised that there have been a number of technical issues, in particular I am aware that a number of you using mac (myself included) are unable to access and log details on your mac's. This has been raised with the Deanery and hopefully will improve soon. In addition there is an app under development.

For Senior trainees (ST 6&7) the ARCP requirement for 60% attendance at regional teaching will likely be removed. All senior trainees are encouraged to attend any Deanery study days they wish or is of relevance to ATSMs but will not be penalised if it is less than 60%. All senior trainees are also required to attend other courses relevant to ATSMs and encouraged to help with organisation or teaching at Deanery study days in your units.

We all need to complete a pdp (found under reflection in e-portfolio) and to sign at the end of the year to acknowledge whether it has been achieved or not. All trainees also need to sign an educational agreement on the e-portfolio and get educational supervisors to counter sign at induction meeting preferably or any other meeting thereafter.

The maternity leave form (for any this is of relevance to) has also been changed from the Deanery. It now includes a pre and post maternity leave form which are both compulsory. With the post maternity leave form we’re required to submit a CCT calculator to calculate new CCT date. Any sick leave that is over 2 weeks also adds time to training so submission of CCT calculator is also requested.

Some feedback from Mrs Bhal with regard to study days - apologies sent for the difficulties we have had with applying for study days this year. New admin staff have taken over the role within the Deanery and had not been communicating these changes with Mrs Bhal. She is meeting with them imminently and hopefully this will improve. If possible it is requested that we all apply via eventbrite only once per training day and application via eventbrite is important for attendance. If you are having problems applying via eventbrite please let Mrs Bhal/the administration staff know (or me if I can help). If you have applied for the training day through eventbrite you are expected to attend, if you are unable to do so please email the organiser as far in advance as possible to explain your absence. In addition it is requested that attendance at the study day is for the full day.

Also the attendance of non-training grade doctors at Deanery study days was raised. TWOGs have previously surveyed this and the consensus was that providing it does not affect us as trainees attending then we were happy for non-trainees to attend. If so it was suggested that they should also pay for the study day - a recommendation of £25 has been suggested by the STC as this is roughly the amount currently available to organisers per trainee with our study leave budget and the subsidies from the Deanery. Please could anyone let me know if they would like to raise anything in relation to this with the STC?

Lisa Pilkington

Chair TWOGS