

Insights into specialty training

We hosted an open forum event inviting foundation trainees and medical students to ask about specialty training. Three specialty doctors give their personal insights into the questions raised. We recorded the result and you can listen to the questions and answers.

Open forum - panel members

Introducing the panel members

Karen Suetterlin has finished her core medical training ^[1]. Prior to commencing specialty training she decided to do a PhD at the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square.

Kristina Head is currently training in Gloucestershire in the Severn Deanery. She is a first year broad based trainee on the pilot training scheme, and aspires to be a well-rounded GP working in a rural practice in the south-west of the UK.

Scott Oliver is a Clinical Teaching Fellow and Specialty Registrar in Renal Medicine in Scotland. He has substantial experience working across a variety of clinical environments, and has interests in medical leadership, education and patient safety.

Francesca Kum

Francesca Kum is an F2 doctor at Medway NHS Foundation Trust. She is keen to pursue a career in Surgery, however her shortlist of subspecialties is still evolving.

Listen to the panel answers to Francesca's questions:

Francesca asked the panel to what extent they had used national workforce planning and demand information before making their specialty choices. ^[2]

Francesca asked if the panel had had any experience of less than full time training and how easy it was to arrange. ^[3]

Tim Robbins

Tim Robbins is an academic foundation year 2 doctor at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust. He has a particular interest in clinical research, focusing on endocrinology and health systems.

Listen to the panel answers to Tim's questions:

Tim asked for the panels views on taking time out between foundation and specialty training. [4]

Lucy Greehy

Lucy Greehy is a second year medical student at the University of Leeds. She is interested in a career in emergency medicine.

Listen to the panel answers to Lucy's questions:

Lucy asked if the panel had experience of anyone undertaking part of their training abroad. [5]

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Core_medical_training [2] <https://soundcloud.com/health-careers/how-much-does-labour-market-information-influence-the-specialty-decision> [3] <https://soundcloud.com/health-careers/less-than-full-time-training-ltft-and-how-it-might-be-arranged> [4] <https://soundcloud.com/health-careers/taking-time-out-between-foundation-and-specialty-training> [5] <https://soundcloud.com/health-careers/undertaking-training-overseas>