

To: Junior Doctors & Departmental Educational Leads

Dear All,

As the NHS prepares to implement the UK Government's 'Delay Phase' response to the imminent spread of COVID19 disease resulting from exposure to the Novel Corona virus, the Trust has issued specific guidance measures to manage the essential services as of 10 March 2020 with immediate effect.

In line with this and guidance from Health Education England (see attached), the PGME department has agreed the following interim measures:

1. All local scheduled education and training sessions will be reviewed and if possible re-purposed to provide relevant information, updates, education and training in personal protection, prevention and containment of spread and management of suspected or confirmed cases related to Covid19.
2. All regional and national scheduled training days are likely to be postponed or cancelled. So please check with organisers and it is expected that full refunds will be available for registration fees etc.
3. All specialty or college examinations are likely to be postponed or free alternative dates will be made available if you are unable to attend due to self-isolation or workplace requirements.
4. All non-essential study leave or professional leave will be suspended until further notice.
5. All requirements for ARCPs or PYAs may be postponed or suspended temporarily and HEE will be writing to each of you individually with guidance.
6. All national or regional interviews for training places may be postponed or conducted in alternative ways. The colleges will be issuing guidance to all applicants.
7. There may be occasions where, due to increases in local demand, there are requests to move trainees to provide additional support in other areas/specialties. Where movement of trainees might be required, arrangements should be discussed prospectively with the Postgraduate Dean, ensuring that trainees are adequately supervised in the host environment/specialty and work within the limits of their competence appropriate to the stage of training.

If there are any specific queries relating to your department/speciality please contact your ES and department educational lead/CGL in the first instance. If you have a general query regarding the above or any concerns you wish to discuss please contact the PGME team on 0208 725 0836 PGME@stgeorges.nhs.uk and they'll direct your query appropriately.

We will be providing regular updates and guidance as the situation evolves.

Kind Regards,

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