

## St George's Education Committee

### Educational Lead Report

<b>Programme/Specialty:</b>	Cardiac surgery
<b>Date of report:</b>	4 September 2023
<b>Period covered:</b>	12 months
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<b>Achievements:</b>	<p>Two cardiac surgery NTN's were placed at St George's in October 2022. These were the first National Trainees in post here since 11 September 2018.</p> <p>It is widely agreed that their placements here have been successful. Both of them achieved Outcome 1 at their recent ARCPs.</p> <p>One of them has elected to stay on for another year, one will move to another placement as she is a Thoracic Surgery themed trainee.</p> <p>A new consultant cardiac surgeon was appointed this year. He has excellent educational credentials and is keen to re-invigorate the teaching programme.</p> <p>Finally, on 31 August a new Clinical Lead was appointed. The Unit now participates in the South London acute aortic dissection rota. These are all important steps on the road to normality.</p> <p>One of the clinical fellows has completed some audit work which will be presented locally and I hope can be published.</p>
<b>Issues:</b>	<p>There have been historical problems with the rota but I understand that it is currently fully staffed.</p> <p>The reduction in theatre activity from pre-pandemic levels continues to impact all staff in training. However, this is in hand and I am hopeful that we will return to previous activity levels before the end of the calendar year.</p> <p>A Senior Leaders' Engagement Review was cancelled by HEE on 10 July. This is now due to take place on 27 September 2023.</p>
<b>Plans for next quarter:</b>	Launch of new teaching programme October 2023. Expansion of theatre provision, in line with Trust objectives. One fellow is aiming to sit his FRCS C-Th examination next year.



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