

Royal College of anaesthetists Advisory Board for Scotland (6/3/09)

Report by Dr Adam M Paul

Remote and rural anaesthesia fellowship

Needs to be reviewed again by PMETB

Trainee Representation on Board

There is pressure to reduce board numbers now there is a Scottish RCoA elected rep. I argued that 2 reps (RCoA and GAT) would be useful due to ability to attend. I was well supported by Dr Kathleen Ferguson. This is being taken to RCoA Council. They will decide if the GAT rep is retained.

Scottish Trainee recruitment

500 applicants for 72 posts. Potential problem because in Scotland you can accept / hold / or reject job offers

Discussion re referral to GMC if applicant took post and then took a second one and withdrew from first. The general consensus was that if candidate is giving long notice period (5 months) then referral to GMC is unfair / inappropriate. This needs to be investigated.

EWTD

Health secretary must personally approve any derogation of a particular rota.

FRCA

Falling pass rate in MCQ. Falling uptake of RCoA Scottish FRCA revision course. Changes to NES study leave noted but felt by all (including AAGBI rep) to not be significant as will only effect crammer courses.

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