

LTFT Matters

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Introduction – Su Underwood

I would like to welcome you all to our second LTFT seminar, a joint venture between the AAGBI and RCoA. Last year we met at the College; this year's meeting has been arranged by Emma Plunkett who is GAT honorary secretary as well as a senior trainee in the West Midlands. It is a chance for those of us with an interest or role in LTFT training to meet, learn, discuss, share, suggest and support one another in our vision to provide accessible LTFT training of high quality across our specialties and hospitals. I would like to thank the Portland place team for their support and in particular for providing a baby room with streaming from the meeting. Please let us know how that works – it is a first in this building.

We have put together a programme which covers a number of thorny and recent issues. As well as an opportunity to hear how people are coping with the current pressures and sharing good ideas we hope we will all take away some things to incorporate into practice or to follow up.

The number of LTFT trainees has risen slowly over the last few years but there are still groups who find it harder to access in some places; examples include trainees in ICM, male trainees, and those who would benefit from a period LTFT for health reasons. It is not always clear to these trainees and their supervisors that the option exists for them. For this reason we have included these topics today. The Association and College aim to support LTFT training in all its forms to enable more trainees to complete their programmes.

Please do join the discussions as the day goes along and feel free to contact me or Emma if you think of questions or have suggestions during the day or when you get back home.

We hope you will find the seminar interesting, take back to your day job some useful tips but most of all enjoy the day.