

CSA Pre-Exam Considerations

	Trainee	Trainer Support	Educational Support for trainee
Is the trainee ready to sit the CSA exam?	Ethnicity and English as a second language	Good communication with trainer through previous trainer/CS/TPD	Trainer- Joint surgeries, CSA practice videos- timing & 14 fish CSA support
	WPBA – competent or NFD? Any organizational issues – in practice admin. OOH sessions, ARCP preparation? Any pertinent MSF comments? Anxiety an issue? Overconfidence an issue?	Educators notes used to document anything useful to training, including performance issues Triangulate assessments if possible – realistic feedback is essential, and difficult within a closer relationship	VTS CSA mocks RCGP CSA course – useful to experience the venue Encourage peer CSA exam groups Many useful websites with cases and videos – 14 fish, Pennine, Bradford International GP recruitment resources – “Spend a penny “ booklet
When is the best time for this trainee?	Pastoral –illness, Mat leave, PT/FT working, child care implications for studying, Family abroad?	Trainers workshops and spring/autumn school Understanding of Maslow’s hierarchy – where is your trainee sleeping? -where is their family?	Y&H deanery support -CSA prep. course, Coaching sessions. Study skills for busy doctors course New 14 fish CSA support package