



THE BIG 5

Key outcomes from the joint Trainees Committee & Heads of School Meeting
December 2020

LIFE SUPPORT COURSES

ALSG: Courses due to expire in 2020 have been granted a 9 month extension

RCUK: Courses due to expire in 2020 granted 6 month extension

Heads of School united in assurance that inability to gain a place on a life support course will not impact progression

Competence in life support can be demonstrated through practice with local life support providers who can provide feedback to document your level of competence

It's important for trainees to highlight to TPDs early if they are struggling to demonstrate life support capabilities.

SHAPE OF TRAINING UPDATE

Covid-19 has delayed the GMC approval process for the proposed new plan for Paediatric training. This will be submitted to the GMC for approval in 2021 and it is hoped that subject to approval the new Shape of Training Pathway will be implemented in 2023.

The new training pathway will transform paediatric training into a 7 year two level programme, with increased flexibility around achieving exams and undertaking other opportunities such as out of programme time or academic pathways.

You can find out more about Shape of Training [here](#).

RCPCH CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2020 18TH DECEMBER AT 19:30

Join for a special, online celebration of the festive season! Bring your mince pies and mulled wine, and tune in for music and readings that lift your spirit.

There will be an extra special appearance from the members of the Trainees Committee too! Register for a reminder and find further updates [here](#)

NEW HEE GUIDANCE RELEASED REGARDING TRAINEE PROGRESSION AND COVID-19

Updated guidance has been released by HEE entitled 'Updated Guidance for managing postgraduate medical trainees whose clinical activity has significantly been altered by Covid-19'

This supercedes previous guidance for shielding trainees and includes guidance for those not shielding, but who have been displaced from normal clinical activity due to Covid-19

You can find this guidance [here](#) under 'Other COVID-19 guidance'

EXAM DATES 2021

MRCPCH Theory Exams:

- Find out about exam dates and application windows [here](#)
- Both socially-distanced test centre and remote invigilation options continue to be used

MRCPCH Clinical Exam:

- The Covid Adapted model continues to be used for this exam
- You can find exam dates and application windows [here](#)

