

## ***Message to applicants***

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and recent developments with regards to social distancing, a decision has been made to cancel all face to face specialty recruitment interviews with immediate effect.

We are currently revising all the recruitment processes to ensure selection can take place using different recruitment processes e.g. Skype interviews.

We are working with all the specialities and recruiters to confirm contingency plans and a revised recruitment timetable will be shared as soon as possible to ensure appointments can still be made for August 2020.

We have taken this decision during this exceptional circumstance in view of:

- Increased demand on the time of NHS staff in response to the pandemic
- Trusts / Health Boards across the country instructing their staff not to travel
- The need to support more vigilant public health measures and protect applicants and recruiters who would have been coming to recruitment events

We appreciate that this is a worrying time for applicants and further information and FAQs will be posted as soon as possible at

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/coronavirus-information-trainees>

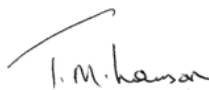
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