

Sent by email

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Dear colleague,

Supporting the COVID-19 response: Plans for Management of Medical Training Rotations

The majority of planned rotations in April were cancelled due to progression of the COVID-19 pandemic and since then the Statutory Education Bodies (SEBs) have been reviewing future rotational dates.

Postgraduate medical trainees continue to provide a significant contribution to service and are an essential part of plans to support the response to COVID-19. Therefore, it has been agreed to **cease all planned rotations in May, June and July.**

This cancellation will affect around 4,000 doctors across the UK. Those trainees whose rotation has been affected will now rotate at the next scheduled rotation point for their programme. However where necessary, these rotation points will be reviewed by the local Post-graduate Dean to ensure there are not disproportionate effects on a trainee staying in their placement for this period.

We are continuing to work with partners to minimise the impact of any delayed attainment of capabilities due to the current circumstances and will ensure that these are taken into consideration in ARCP and recruitment and selection processes.

The following resources have been developed to answer any specific queries for trainees

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

<https://www.scotlanddeanery.nhs.scot/covid-19/>

<https://heiw.nhs.wales/covid-19/>

<https://www.nimmdta.gov.uk/covid-19-information/>

The current plan is for the August rotations to go ahead, but this will be dependent on the progression of the pandemic and we will keep this under regular review.

Yours faithfully,



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