Gold Guide 7th Edition 31st January 2018

This edition replaces all previous editions of the Gold Guide with immediate effect.

Main areas of Change Document

Gold guide 7 has undergone considerable editing compared to the 6th edition. The following outlines key changes but given the significant editing that has occurred is not comprehensive:

i. where there has been duplication which has not been considered to have specific value, these duplications have been removed

ii. the preface and section 1 have been combined

iii. the section numbering has been adjusted to better align to a trainee’s journey through a training program there are therefore now only five sections now compared to 8 in the 6th edition

iv. at a number of points in the guide greater emphasis has been placed on when a CCT date may be bought forward as part of the ARCP process (this is most specifically defined in Paragraph 4.9)

v. paragraph 1.14 has been introduced to provide Postgraduate Deans with an opportunity to review the training status of trainees who have been or are likely to be unable to train for periods in excess of two years

vi. paragraph 2.45 has been added to clarify how postgraduate deans are responsible for placing trainees with specific needs

vii. paragraph 3.67 clarifies when experience achieved in a LAS post may count towards progression in a subsequent training program

viii. paragraph 3.72 provides greater discretion for postgraduate deans in relation to managing interim order decisions

ix. there has been a paragraph inserted in relation to whistleblowing and this is deliberately repeated in the document 4.27 and 5.10

x. there have been changes to the LTFT section to ensure that they provide the opportunity for all trainees to access less than full-time opportunities without implying that all such applications will be successful

xi. paragraph 3.86 clarifies that LTFT trainees can undertake some part time working
xii. paragraphs 3.119 and 3.131 have expanded the reasons why a trainee may apply for an OOPE

xiii. paragraph 3.154 clarifies that where an inter deanery transfer is being undertaken that it would normally be expected for the trainee to have an appropriate educational review prior to transfer

xiv. paragraph 4.36 iv defines how an ARCP is managed where a trainee has resigned from their training program

xv. paragraph 4.77 table has clearer advice about the management of an outcome 5

xvi. paragraph 4.85 provides a table that more clearly defines the extension to training times for different programs

xvii. reference is made in the appeal section to the fact that individual countries will have their own standard operating procedure is that underpin appeals

xviii. the section on the training program director report (gold guide six paragraph 6.51) has been removed

xix. there has been considerable editing of section 5 (Previously section 8)