

however there was no guarantee money would be made available and if not, there would be no extra posts. Meantime the specialty leads will begin to consider where additional posts would go.

The group discussed the paper on expected fill from FD which contained pre-expansion information. Some amendments and inaccuracies and areas requiring clarification were noted and PJ will email these to FD. CM will discuss funding for the Diagnostic Neuropathology post with Christine Rea and she and VH will also discuss IR with Christine Rea. PJ stressed it was for the Deanery to deal with operational issues and the STB would provide support and advice as necessary.

**PJ, CM  
CM/VH**

The group discussed expansion posts and that it would prefer to see equal distribution across training programmes and therefore smaller schemes would also benefit. The following distribution was agreed:

- Interventional Radiology – not all areas have capacity to train. It was agreed to continue to appoint to 2 posts - one in Edinburgh and one in Glasgow.
- Clinical Radiology – to be discussed locally.
- Histopathology – 6 posts proposed – to be discussed at the next TPD meeting. FP felt that Aberdeen suffered in getting fewer trainees and if only one trainee was in post this could lead to isolation. PJ noted the distribution model was a Scottish Government one and based on population.

STB members will send information to PJ for PJ to respond to RP by 15 October. While recruitment numbers can be added to programmes as long as a minimum of one was noted in the advert it was good to have a collaborative viewpoint on additional posts until funding was confirmed.

**4.2 NES ARCP process: update**

CM reported that feedback from each of the STBs was positive although flexibility to see trainees was requested. This was acceptable but must be outwith the ARCP process. There was agreement to apply a 2-week time limit for provision of additional evidence. It was acknowledged this would result in more Outcome 5s. Final information will be circulated to TPDs next week.

Meantime CM has written formally to each STB Chair proposing ARCP requirements for each specialty. Specialty leads were asked to circulate the letter to TPDs and confirm their agreement by next week. CM will email specialty leads not present at the meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> September. PJ noted a revised ARCP decision making guide for Histopathology was in process of circulation and this could have an impact.

**Specialty  
Leads, CM**

Once all information was confirmed it was planned to put a link on the Scotland Deanery website to the College website. This will allow information to be updated more easily.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

No items were discussed.

**QUALITY**

**5. Quality Update – SQMG**