

Sent by email

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Dear colleague,

As part of the system wide effort to tackle the current COVID-19 outbreak, you will be aware that all face-to-face medical recruitment events have currently been postponed. This is in line with the guidance issued by our partners in Public Health Organisations in the 4 nations to limit social contact to contain the spread of the virus.

We realise that this will create concern amongst trainees at a time of great uncertainty for all, and we took the decision to postpone these events only after considering all the options. We believe that this is necessary given the current public health situation.

We know that all doctors are supporting the enormous efforts currently taking place to combat COVID-19 and very much appreciate this.

We are keen that medical recruitment is disrupted no more than absolutely necessary and, as such, are urgently working with all Royal College recruitment teams to reschedule these recruitment events. We expect to have this completed by early April, but obviously all plans will be subject to change, depending on the developing situation.

We will update you again next week with further detail on our plans. We are in an unprecedented situation and appreciate your patience whilst we work through the many implications for doctors in training. This is a significant undertaking, but our overriding priority is the health and wellbeing of all health and social care staff while supporting the response to delivering our contribution to dealing with the pandemic.

Should you have any queries, please visit our regularly updated online information at:

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

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

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

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

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