

Tasters in Foundation

Due to the challenges of COVID, Tasters in Foundation were suspended. In recognition that the Foundation doctors missed the rotation in April and that they have been working differently, NES has had agreement from the Health Boards and the DMEs that Tasters can be taken by Foundation doctors in advance of the August rotation with the following caveats:

- That these are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, recognising that the service may not be able to release Foundation doctors and that the specialty that they want to visit may not be able to take them due to changes in service provision
- That only tasters within the Foundation doctor's own Health Board are allowed

Tasters may not be granted if there are challenges such as allocating leave from a rota, or if there are capacity issues and limits on staffing numbers due to social distancing, PPE supplies, risk analysis, patient numbers etc.

Guidance for taking Tasters:

1. Seek advice from your current department to secure leave for a Taster
2. Seek approval from your chosen specialty and department to check if they have capacity
3. Secure approval from you FPD for Taster leave through TURAS

Please contact your FPD/APGD or administrator for advice.

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