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On behalf of the BMA SASC (Staff, Associate Specialists & Specialty Doctors Committee), we would like to wish you Happy New Year! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to support the SAS cause and we look forward to a highly productive year ahead.

SAS doctor development workshops and survey

The British Medical Association, Health Education England, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and NHS Employers are working in partnership to deliver four regional workshops for SAS (Specialty and Associate Specialist) doctors, looking at professional development and sharing good practice across the country. They will run from 10am to 3.30pm on:

- 5 March in Leeds
- 12 March in Birmingham
- 17 March in Taunton
- 23 March in London

The target audience is:

- SAS doctors
- SAS tutors
- SAS associate deans
- Learning and development leads
- Medical directors and clinical directors

The workshops will focus on identifying barriers and solutions to effective development, Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration, credentialing, opportunities for SAS doctors in leadership roles and sharing local good practice. They will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

We are carrying out a survey to inform the content of the workshops. If you are a SAS doctor (Specialty doctor, Associate Specialist or a doctor on a closed SAS grade), we would be grateful if you could complete this. It focuses on current development, career aspirations, barriers and solutions and should take no more than ten minutes to complete—


To book a place on one of the regional events and to fill in the survey please visit—

http://www.nhsemployers.org/events/2015/03/sas-doctor-development-workshop-in-leeds
http://www.nhsemployers.org/events/2015/03/sas-doctor-development-workshop-in-birmingham
http://www.nhsemployers.org/events/2015/03/sas-doctor-development-event-in-taunton
http://www.nhsemployers.org/events/2015/03/sas-doctor-development-workshop-in-london
SAS Charter

We are pleased to announce that the SAS Charters for England and Scotland have been published. These charters according to nation, set out what you as a SAS doctor can expect from your employer and what your employer can expect of you. They also demonstrate a commitment to supporting and developing the role of the SAS doctor as a valued and vital part of the medical workforce.

The charters recognise the key role that SAS doctors hold in the delivery of high quality, safe medical care for patients.

Each nation has differences that have been highlighted in the tailored versions of the charter. England and Scotland versions are available to download below. Versions for Northern Ireland and Wales are in development.

The SAS Charter for England has been produced jointly with NHS Employers, Health Education England and The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges.

The SAS Charter for Scotland has been produced jointly with Management Steering Group (MSG), which includes both NHS Scotland employers and the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate (SGHSCD).

Junior Doctor and Consultant contract negotiations

On 16 October 2014 contract negotiations stalled over concerns that the crucial issue of safety for patients and doctors was not being effectively considered by NHS Employers.

The DDRB (Doctors’ and Dentists’ Review Body) has been instructed to consider all evidence relating to contract negotiation talks for junior doctors and consultants. The BMA has now submitted their evidence for consideration by the DDRB. As always the SASC will be closely monitoring progress to ensure that the needs of SAS doctors are considered. Download the executive summary and full submission

National Health Service (Amended Duties and Powers) Bill

Please see the BMA press release for the initial BMA response to the National Health Service (Amended Duties and Powers) Bill, which primarily seeks to make changes to existing legislation, most notably the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the National Health Service Act 2006, with an impact on the following areas: duties of the Secretary of State; financial powers of NHS Foundation Trusts and NHS Trusts; competition and procurement in the health service; and he NHS and national or international agreements.

The BMA have also produced a briefing on the Bill.

December meeting of SASC

The SASC held a lively and agenda packed meeting on 11 December 2014. Along with discussion of the SAS Charters, additional days leave for SAS doctors, and a presentation from the Chair of the JNC (SAS) the Committee also considered such important issues as UK SAS doctor professional development; progress relating to the introduction of Credentialing; Shape of Training; and Patient Coding review and reform.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of all of these important issues throughout the year.
Report from the NHSE Chair of JNC (SAS)

At its meeting in December, SASC also received a presentation from Dr Umesh Prabhu, Chair of the JNC (SAS).

SASC was particularly pleased to welcome Dr Prabhu’s unequivocal support for senior SAS doctors working autonomously.

SASC also strongly agreed with Dr Prabhu that responsibility for publicising the good work which SAS doctors did lay, in part, with individual SAS doctors, who should make every effort to utilise their respective networks to promote the benefits which SAS doctors bring to their Trusts.

Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management (FMLM) National Conference.

The FMLM National Conference 2015 (which takes place in Manchester from 23-25 February 2015 at Manchester Central) will explore what healthcare might look like in five years’ time and the role of medical leaders and managers as part of the future landscape.

The aim of the conference is to hone ideas, share knowledge and potential solutions to support doctors, deliver and improve healthcare for patients across the UK. The conference will bring together current and aspiring medical leaders from all specialties, career stages and sectors.

For more information and to register, visit the FMLM conference website bmj.co/FMLM

The SAS conference theme this this year is going to be SAS – Championing Patient Safety.

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