

# Training in Geriatric Medicine in the West Midlands

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# Outline

- Welcome to the West Midlands
- Impact of Covid-19 on training within the region
- Palliative Medicine
- Curriculum update

# Bases

- 21 Hospitals
- 65 NTNs



# Geriatric Medicine in the West Midlands

- Five year rotation
- Trainee preferences
- Please look at regional website for rotation rules

# Covid-19 impact on training

- Please look at modified ARCP decision aid - will be in force until at least April 2021
- <https://www.bgs.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/attachment/2020-06-17/Modified%20Geriatric%20Medicine%20ARCP%20Decision%20Aid.pdf>

# Covid-19 impact on training

- PYAs suspended from March 2020
- The PYA is not a requirement for trainee progression to CCT
- Trainees who were due to have a PYA during the period of suspension will not be expected to undertake one if PYAs restart before their CCT date.
- Within the region, we are running “mock PYAs” for ST6 trainees to support the education process, although official guidance is that this should be done by ES

# Advanced Life Support

- If ALS is part of a trainee's curriculum, HEE will support funding.
- May need to complete Aspirational Study Leave form:  
<https://www.westmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/support/study-leave/aspirational-study-leave>

# Changes within rotation

- Solihull unit closed
- Local service changes eg orthogeriatrics, stroke medicine - let us know EARLY
- Use educational opportunities as they arise eg [https://www.bgs.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/attachment/2020-05-08/COVID\\_GeriatricHST\\_TrainingPlan\\_Final.pdf](https://www.bgs.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/attachment/2020-05-08/COVID_GeriatricHST_TrainingPlan_Final.pdf)



# Palliative Medicine

- Requirement for Palliative medicine trainees to take part in IM rota
- Geriatric medicine trainees will need to gain palliative medicine experience - current suggestion is 4 week attachment undertaken during final two years of training. Possible OOP for greater experience

# Curriculum Development

- Curriculum has passed equality and diversity survey but approval process has been put back 6 months by GMC
- Emphasis on educational supervisor and multi consultant reports with less emphasis on SLEs
- Work ongoing

# Thanks and questions

- Thanks to trainee reps and BGS for their work in getting these meetings off the ground
- If you have any questions, contact me on [r.wears1@nhs.net](mailto:r.wears1@nhs.net)