



### Concerns regarding IMY3 standalone posts

We would like to acknowledge recent concerns from trainees about IMY3 standalone posts. We wish to make you aware that as a college, both our Executive and Trainees' committee are aware of the problems and have expressed our significant concerns.

One of these concerns was whether there would be a shortage of posts for 2021. As Colleges, and as Federation, we do not have executive power to deliver posts, but we do have influence and are working very hard to resolve this. We are currently in talks with Health Education England (HEE) about securing funding for extra posts in England.

In Scotland, the situation is different and additional funding from Scottish Government has been provided for some posts; Board funded posts have also been identified. However, we have also heard concerns from trainees in Scotland who have been impacted by this.

We are aware that this situation is unfair and has caused added stress at an already very difficult time. You are well-qualified, invaluable doctors and your contribution to the health service is essential. Ideally everyone who wishes to return to an IMY3 post, would be able to access one. However, due to unforeseen circumstances with the pandemic and more people applying than previously anticipated, this has sadly not been the case. We wish to express our empathy and reassure you we are working hard to try to solve this as best we can.

To clarify some other commonly asked questions.

- Anyone that does not secure a 2021 standalone post will be a priority for a post in 2022. The JRCPTB, is requesting that IMY3 standalone posts remain while a requirement for them continues.
- Posts will go through clearing, therefore if you do not receive a post initially, you may still be offered a post as not everyone will take up their offer (Applicants have also applied for ST3). In addition to this, we are working our hardest to ensure that post numbers are expanded.
- An alternative certificate is available to be completed to apply for ST4 posts which will start in 2022. This will be available beyond 2022. This can be found in the higher specialty training recruitment website, found here: [Document Library | ST3 Recruitment - Full, comprehensive guidance on applying to ST3 posts](#) For information on what critical care experience means please see the IMT rough guide here: [Rough guide to IMT | JRCPTB](#)

Once again, we wish to express that we strongly value our trainees and appreciate that this situation is unfair. We will continue to work hard to represent your interests. Please get in touch with our trainee committee with any concerns and we will try to address these:  
[traineecommittee@rcpsg.ac.uk](mailto:traineecommittee@rcpsg.ac.uk)

Signed

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