



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

Workforce

Within the past 12 month there has been some movement of consultants in the specialty as follows:

There are 63 people delivering service, 17 of whom are part-time. 17 consultants are non-UK graduates.

3 Retirements: GOS (London), Bristol, Cardiff

4 Resignations: Sheffield, Bristol, St. Thomas', Newcastle, Birmingham, Southampton

6 New appointments: Belfast (1), Manchester (2), Cardiff (1), Nottingham (1), Oxford (1)

11 Currently vacant posts: Birmingham (x4), Imperial College (1 ½), St. Thomas' (1), UCL (½), Bristol (1), Southampton (1), Sheffield (1), GOS (London) (1)

2 locums: The London, Lewisham (London)

Guidelines on Staffing and Workload for Paediatric Pathology is being prepared.

Training

Paediatric pathology has moved together with general pathology into national recruitment scheme and in April's round, two new trainees were appointed. However, there were no applicants for 4 training posts advertised in August 2014. The SAC will try to find the way to improve the profile of paediatric pathology and attract new trainees. At present, there are 12 trainees (4 of whom sat the exam in November 2014), which is not enough to fulfil the existing vacancies and planned retirements. As a result, many departments around the country are and/or will be struggling to provide a full service as before.

Exam One candidate sat the Final FRCPPath (PP) in Spring 2014 and failed;
4 candidates sat the Final FRCPPath (PP) in Autumn 2014.

Perinatal pathology

There is now national specialist commissioning of Fetal and Perinatal autopsies in England which started in April 2013.

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Professor Gordan Vujanic is finishing his term in office as Chair of the SAC in Paediatric Pathology and the new Chair will be appointed by a new President.

National Publications

The RCPATH Dataset for Nephroblastoma is being revised.

Study Day

A Paediatric Pathology Study Day is planned for Spring 2015 in the RCPATH.

Professor Gordan Vujanic
SAC Pre/Perinatal/Paediatric Pathology Chair until November 2014