

ST3 recruitment into medical specialties 2012

The Medical Programme Board (MPB) has reviewed its decision regarding recruitment to medical specialty ST3 posts in England and Wales which commence in August 2012. In particular the date by which successful applicants are required to have full CMT competences, including all parts of the MRCP(UK) to be able to take up their appointments, has been reviewed.

Concerns that there would be a large number of last minute rota vacancies due to trainees not being able to take up posts have not materialised. Although there were some last minute gaps due to failure to pass MRCP(UK), these were more than compensated for by a larger number of trainees with proleptic offers who passed MRCP(UK) shortly before posts were due to commence.

The MPB has therefore decided to allow proleptic appointments to ST3 medical specialties in 2012. Applicants will need to have full CMT competences, including all parts of the MRCP(UK), to be able to take up their appointments in August 2012; as was the case in 2011.

MRCP(UK) and the JRCPTB continue to undertake to make every effort to allow CMT trainees to have sufficient attempts at all parts of the examination in order to receive results in time to be eligible for ST3 entry in August 2012.

As part of this ongoing commitment MRCP(UK) is pleased to announce that from the third diet in 2011 a new results release process will be introduced for PACES enabling UK candidates to view their results via the MRCP(UK) website within approximately 10 working days of sitting the examination. For more information please visit the MRCP(UK) website at www.mrcpuk.org.