

**JOINT ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS TRAINING BOARD  
(JRCPTB)**

**Annual Specialty Report for Clinical Genetics to  
The Postgraduate Medical Training Board (PMETB)  
for August 2007 to July 2008**

**1. Establishing Schools**

No issues or concerns have been reported by this specialty.

**2. Triggered Visits**

There have been no triggered visits reported for this specialty

**3. Effect of changes to the specialty**

There have been significant advances in molecular diagnostic testing and it is vital that Clinical Geneticists are trained to be able to advise and support colleagues in other specialties in the application and interpretation of such testing. We are beginning to see targeted therapies for genetic disease and this area is likely to expand justifying our requirement of GPT prior to entry to the specialty.

**4. Key concerns for the future of the specialty**

We have a high proportion of trainees geographically tied to the region in which they are training and matching of trainees and consultant jobs remains challenging.

**5. RITAs/ARCPs.** The following includes the responses we have received from the Heads of Specialist Training for this specialty

All trainees for this specialty have had successful RITAs/ARCPs. For the 64 trainees enrolled in Clinical Genetics it was been reported that 2 trainees were issued with RITA Ds who both subsequently received RITA Cs. One trainee received a RITA E in 2008 because of long term sick leave and has returned to work on 0.6 wte in January 09.

**6. European Working Time Directive (EWTD):** The following includes the responses we have received from the Heads of Specialist Training for this specialty

As Clinical Genetics does not have an out of hours commitment and is a clinic based specialty, the EWTD does not effect the specialty. so we can comply with the EWTD.

**7. Training Programme Director Report information**

We have not received these reports for every Deanery for this reporting period but intend to include the themes in subsequent reports.

**8. Examinations**

We do not have examination data available for this reporting period.

### **9. Assessments**

Workplace based assessments for the medical specialties including Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPs), mini CEX, and Multisource Feedback (MSF) have been in place since 2005. Although there have been concerns within each specialty with regard to the time involved to complete these, their use has been widely encouraged so that PMETB standards are met. We continue to pilots further workplace based assessments.

### **10. e-portfolio**

Pilots for the specialty e-portfolios have been completed and the eportfolio for Clinical Genetics is now live and available for use by enrolled StRs. During the transition period trainees had been advised to complete paper records or to continue to use their CMT e-portfolio.