

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

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

1. Establishing Schools

No information available from the specialty

2. Triggered Visits

No information available from the specialty though we are not aware of any triggered visits.

3. Effect of changes to the specialty

No information available from the specialty

4. Key concerns for the future of the specialty

No information available from the specialty

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. We have received no reports of adverse RITA decisions for the 31 trainees enrolled in Paediatric Cardiology.

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

From the reports received, it seems that the specialty hopes to be EWTD compliant within the next few months though additional funding will be required for the additional posts needed to do this.

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 pilot further workplace based assessments.

10. e-portfolio

Pilots for the specialty e-portfolios have been completed and the e-portfolio for Paediatric Cardiology 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.