

2019 NATIONAL TRAINEE SURVEY RESULTS

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

SPECIALTY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

OCTOBER 2019

Introduction

The Specialty Specific Questions have been developed to test trainee's access to, participation in or confidence in the attainment of specific aspects of the specialty training curriculum.

The questions have been included Programme Specific Questions in the annual GMC National Trainee Survey. The details of these questions and the trainee responses (nationally, by Deanery/LETB and by grade can be found within this report.

175 Medical Oncology trainees (54 ST3s, 43 ST4s, 37 ST5s and 41 ST6s) completed the survey. This was an increase of 11 % (18 trainees) on the number of trainees completing the 2018 survey. The numbers of trainees in each Deanery / LETB completing the survey were as follows:

Deanery / LETB	2018	2019	% Difference
Health Education East Midlands	11	11	+83%
Health Education East of England	3	9	+200%
Health Education N, C & E London	20	19	-5%
Health Education North East	6	6	+0%
Health Education North West	14	14	+0%
Health Education NW London	<3	0	
Health Education South London	38	42	+10%
Health Education South West	4	7	+43%
Health Education Thames Valley	6	6	+0%
Health Education Wessex	8	7	-12%
Health Education West Midlands	5	5	+0%
Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber	16	17	+6%
Health Education and Improvement Wales	5	5	+0%
NHS Education for Scotland	13	19	+32%
Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	8	8	+0%
Total	157	175	+11%

	Reduction of >10% of trainees completing the NTS in 2019 compared to 2018
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Specialty Specific Questions

Overall, agreement increased in 5 of 10 Medical Oncology specialty specific questions compared with 2017, however there were significant regional differences. No data was available for London (NW) as <3 trainees completed the survey in this region.

Specialty Specific Questions	% overall agreement	2018/2019 Difference	Grade % agreement				Agreement Highest		Agreement Lowest		% difference [Range]	
1) I am confident in the management of patients with grade 3-4 toxicity Strongly agree/agree	2017: 96% 2018: 96% 2019: 95%	-1%	ST3 87 89 85	ST4 100 100 97	ST5 100 100 97	ST6 100 96 100	7/14 regions NIR LDN (N, C & E) Y & H	100% 99% 95% 94%	NWN LDN (Sth), SCO SW	93% 90% 86%	2018 8 [92-100]	2019 14 [86-100]
2) I have adequate opportunity to present cases at MDT meetings Strongly agree/agree	2017: 78% 2018: 83% 2019: 78%	-5%	ST3 64 80 72	ST4 83 79 77	ST5 90 87 73	ST6 80 88 93	WAL NIR LDN (N, C & E) LDN (Sth) SW NE	100% 99% 89% 88% 86% 83%	EoE, Y & H EMD, NW, WES WMD SCO THV	77% 72% 60% 53% 50%	2018 50 [50-100]	2019 50 [50-100]
3) I have adequate opportunity to complete audit/quality improvement projects Strongly agree/agree	2017: 81% 2018: 76% 2019: 81%	+5%	ST3 80 75 81	ST4 81 81 86	ST5 72 72 81	ST6 80 86 78	4/14 regions EoE NW, SW SCO THV	100% 89% 86% 85% 84%	EMD Y & H LDN (N, C & E, S) WES	82% 77% 73% 71%	2018 63 [37-100]	2019 29 [71-100]
4) I work with medical oncology consultants who inspire me with motivation in my personal development Strongly agree/agree	2017: 88% 2018: 89% 2019: 94%	+5%	ST3 96 92 95	ST4 83 87 93	ST5 87 86 97	ST6 83 89 92	6/14 regions LDN (N, C & E, S) SCO Y & H	100% 95% 95% 94%	EMD EoE THV SW	91% 89% 83% 72%	2018 25 [75-100]	2019 28 [72-100]
5) When I prescribe systemic anti-cancer therapy, I have supervision appropriate to my level of training Strongly agree/agree	2017: 94% 2018: 97% 2019: 94%	-3%	ST3 94 94 95	ST4 95 100 98	ST5 95 97 97	ST6 93 93 88	6/14 regions NIR LDN (N, C & E, S) NW, Y & H SCO	100% 99% 95% 94% 90%	SW THV	86% 66%	2018 15 [85-100]	2019 34 [66-100]

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6) I have the opportunity to learn about the role of radiotherapy in the management of cancer patients as applicable to medical oncology trainees Strongly agree/agree	2017: 79% 2018: 80% 2019: 79%	-1%	ST3 74 81 82	ST4 89 74 82	ST5 77 77 75	ST6 79 79 73	EoE 100% SCO 90% NW, SW 86% NE 84% WAL 80% Y & H 77%	LDN (Sth) 76% NIR 74% EMD 73% LDN, N, C & E) 73% WES 71% THV 67% WMD 40%	2018 37 [63-100]	2019 60 [40-100]		
7) I have adequate opportunity to present new patients and discuss their management plan Strongly agree/agree	2017: 94% 2018: 96% 2019: 97%	+1%	ST3 87 96 97	ST4 100 94 98	ST5 100 95 100	ST6 100 100 96	12/14 regions 100% LDN (Sth) 91% WMD 80%		2018 20 [80-100]	2019 20 [80-100]		
8) I have adequate opportunity to participate in clinical research including clinical trials Strongly agree/agree	2017: 84% 2018: 81% 2019: 83%	+2%	ST3 74 75 82	ST4 89 77 80	ST5 86 84 84	ST6 93 92 86	EoE 100% NW 93% EMD 91% LDN (N, C & E) 90% SCO 89% WES 86%	NE 83% WAL, WMD 80% SW 72% THV 67% Y & H 64% NIR 62%	2018 66 [34-100]	2019 38 [62-100]		
9) I am confident in communicating effectively with patients, including breaking bad news Strongly agree/agree	2017: 100% 2018: 100% 2019: 99%	-1%	ST3 100 100 98	ST4 100 100 100	ST5 100 100 100	ST6 100 100 100	12/14 regions 100% NIR 99% Y & H 94%		2018 0 [100-100]	2019 6 [94-100]		
10) I am confident in planning the investigations appropriate for a patient suspected of having cancer or presenting with a carcinoma of unknown primary Strongly agree/agree	2017: 96% 2018: 89% 2019: 90%	+1%	ST3 91 81 84	ST4 97 93 93	ST5 100 86 92	ST6 96 100 96	EoE, WES, WMD 100% NIR 99% Y & H 94% NW 93% EMD 91% SCO 90%	LDN (Sth) 89% SW 86% LDN (N, C & E) 84% NE 84% THV 83% WAL 80%	2018 25 [75-100]	2019 20 [80-100]		

Deaneries / LETBs are listed alphabetically by quartile in the table below with 'quartile four' containing the highest ranked and 'quartile one' the lowest. The data was produced by taking an average of all quality criteria percentages.

The range across the quartiles was: 15.50% [Quartile 4: 95.50% to Quartile 1: 80.00%]

Quartile	Deanery / LETB	Year	N=	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	Health Education and Improvement Wales	2018	5	100	100	100	100	100	80	100	80	100	80
4		2019	5	100	100	100	100	100	80	100	80	100	80
4	Health Education East of England	2018	3	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	67	100	100
4		2019	9	100	77	89	89	100	100	100	100	100	100
1	Health Education North East	2018	6	100	50	84	100	100	83	100	34	100	100
4		2019	6	100	83	100	100	100	84	100	83	100	84
2	Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency	2018	8	100	75	88	100	100	63	100	38	100	88
4		2019	8	99	99	100	100	99	74	100	62	99	99
3	Health Education East Midlands	2018	11	100	91	72	81	100	82	90	100	100	82
3		2019	11	100	72	82	91	100	73	100	91	100	91
4	Health Education North Western	2018	14	100	100	100	100	100	92	100	100	100	79
3		2019	14	93	72	86	100	94	86	100	93	100	93
2	Health Education Wessex	2018	8	100	63	75	88	100	63	88	75	100	100
3		2019	7	100	72	71	100	100	71	100	86	100	100
1	Health Education London (North Central and East)	2018	20	95	90	65	85	85	70	95	85	100	75
2		2019	19	95	89	73	95	95	73	100	90	100	84
2	Health Education London (South)	2018	38	92	89	76	86	100	74	98	84	100	86
2		2019	42	90	88	73	95	95	76	91	81	100	89
2	NHS Education for Scotland	2018	13	93	61	70	76	100	84	100	84	100	100
2		2019	19	90	53	85	95	90	90	100	89	100	90
3	Health Education South Western	2018	4	100	50	100	100	100	100	100	75	100	100
1		2019	7	86	86	86	72	86	86	100	72	100	86
4	Health Education Thames Valley	2018	6	100	100	100	100	100	100	83	100	100	100
1		2019	6	100	50	84	83	66	67	100	67	100	83
4	Health Education West Midlands	2018	5	100	100	100	100	100	100	80	100	100	100
1		2019	5	100	60	100	100	100	40	80	80	100	100
1	Health Education Yorkshire and Humber	2018	16	94	69	37	75	94	81	100	69	100	94
1		2019	17	94	77	77	94	94	77	100	64	94	94

	0-50% overall agreement in 2019		51-75% overall agreement in 2019		76-100% overall agreement in 2019
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