

2018 NATIONAL TRAINEE SURVEY RESULTS

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

SPECIALTY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

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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.

157 Medical Oncology trainees (48 ST3s, 39 ST4s, 43 ST5s and 27 ST6s) completed the survey. This was an increase of 5.4% (8 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	2017	2018	% Difference
Health Education East Midlands	6	11	+83%
Health Education East of England	4	3	- 25%
Health Education N, C & E London	15	20	+33%
Health Education North East	<3	6	
Health Education North West	14	14	+ 0%
Health Education NW London	35	<3	
Health Education South London	11	38	+345%
Health Education South West	4	4	+ 0%
Health Education Thames Valley	5	6	+20%
Health Education Wessex	9	8	-11%
Health Education West Midlands	11	5	-55%
Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber	11	16	+45%
NHS Education for Scotland	11	13	+18%
Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	8	8	+0%
Wales Deanery	5	5	+0%
Total	149	157	+5%

	Reduction of >10% of trainees completing the NTS in 2018 compared to 2017
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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	% satisfactory responses	2017/2018 Difference	Agreement Highest	Agreement Lowest	% difference [Range]
1) I am confident in the management of patients with grade 3-4 toxicity	2017: 96% (145/151) 2018: 96% (151/157)	+0%	10/14 regions (100%) London (N, C & E) (95%)	London (S) (92%) Scotland (93%) Yorks and Humber (94%)	8% [92-100]
2) I have adequate opportunity to present cases at MDT meetings	2017: 78% (118/151) 2018: 83% (130/157)	+5%	5/14 regions (100%) East Midlands (91%) London (N, C & E) (90%) London (S) (89%) Northern Ireland (75%)	NE, SWN (50%) Scotland (61%) Wessex (63%) Yorks and Humber (69%)	50% [50-100]
3) I have adequate opportunity to complete audit/quality improvement projects	2017: 81% (122/151) 2018: 76% (120/157)	-5%	6/14 regions (100%) Northern Ireland (88%) North East (84%) London (S) (76%) Wessex (75%)	Yorks and Humber (37%) London (NC&E) (65%) Scotland (70%) East Midlands (72%)	63% [37-100]
4) I work with medical oncology consultants who inspire me with motivation in my personal development	2017: 88% (133/151) 2018: 89% (139/157)	+1%	8/14 regions (100%) Wessex (88%) London (S) (86%) London (N, C & E) (85%)	Yorks and Humber (75%) Scotland (76%) East Midlands (81%)	25% [75-100]
5) When I prescribe systemic anti-cancer therapy, I have supervision appropriate to my level of training	2017: 94% (142/151) 2018: 97% (153/157)	+3%	12/14 regions (100%)	London (NC&E) (85%) Yorks and Humber (94%)	15% [85-100]
6) I have the opportunity to learn about the role of radiotherapy in the management of cancer patients as applicable to medical oncology trainees	2017: 79% (120/151) 2018: 80% (125/157)	+1%	4/14 regions (100%) North West (92%) Scotland (84%) North East (83%) East Midlands (82%)	NIR, WES (63%) London (NC&E) (70%) London (S) (74%) Wales (80%) Yorks and Humber (81%)	37% [63-100]

Specialty Specific Questions	% satisfactory responses	2017/2018 Difference	Agreement Highest	Agreement Lowest	% difference [Range]
7) I have adequate opportunity to present new patients and discuss their management plan	2017: 94% (142/151) 2018: 96% (151/157)	+2%	8/14 regions (100%) London (S) (98%) London (N, C & E) (95%) East Midlands (90%)	West Midlands (80%) Thames Valley (83%) Wessex (88%)	20% [80-100]
8) I have adequate opportunity to participate in clinical research including clinical trials	2017: 84% (127/151) 2018: 81% (127/157)	-3%	4/14 regions (100%) London (N, C & E) (85%) LDN (S), Scotland (84%) Wales (80%)	North East (34%) Northern Ireland (38%) East of England (67%) South West, Wessex (75%)	66% [34-100]
9) I am confident in communicating effectively with patients, including breaking bad news	2017: 100% (151/151) 2018: 100% (157/157)	+0%	14/14 regions (100%)		0% [100-100]
10) I am confident in planning the investigations appropriate for a patient suspected of having cancer or presenting with a carcinoma of unknown primary	2017: 96% (145/151) 2018: 89% (139/157)	-7%	7/14 regions (100%) Yorks and Humber (94%) Northern Ireland (88%) London (S) (86%)	London (NC&E) (75%) North West (79%) Wales (80%) East Midlands (82%)	25% [75-100]

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: 17% [Quartile 4: 98% to Quartile 1: 81%]

Quartile	Deanery / LETB	Year	N=	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Health Education East of England	2017	4	100	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	100	100
4		2018	3	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	67	100	100
4	Health Education North Western	2017	14	100	79	93	78	100	93	100	100	100	93
4		2018	14	100	100	100	100	100	92	100	100	100	79
1	Health Education Thames Valley	2017	5	100	40	80	40	60	60	40	50	100	100
4		2018	6	100	100	100	100	100	100	83	100	100	100
3	Health Education West Midlands	2017	11	81	63	72	100	100	100	90	100	100	100
4		2018	5	100	100	100	100	100	100	80	100	100	100
4	Health Education East Midlands	2017	6	100	100	67	100	100	83	100	100	100	100
3		2018	11	100	91	72	81	100	82	90	100	100	82
1	Health Education South Western	2017	4	100	75	100	75	75	100	75	50	100	100
3		2018	4	100	50	100	100	100	100	100	75	100	100
4	Wales Deanery	2017	5	100	100	100	100	80	100	100	100	100	80
3		2018	5	100	100	100	100	100	80	100	80	100	80
2	Health Education London (South)	2017	11	81	72	82	100	100	72	100	63	100	91
2		2018	38	92	89	76	86	100	74	98	84	100	86
2	Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency	2017	8	100	63	88	100	100	75	88	63	100	100
2		2018	8	100	75	88	100	100	63	100	38	100	88
3	NHS Education for Scotland	2017	11	100	73	91	82	82	73	100	91	100	100
2		2018	13	93	61	70	76	100	84	100	84	100	100
4	Health Education Wessex	2017	9	89	56	100	100	100	100	100	77	100	100
2		2018	8	100	63	75	88	100	63	88	75	100	100
2	Health Education London (North Central and East)	2017	15	93	87	80	73	94	60	93	87	100	100
1		2018	20	95	90	65	85	85	70	95	85	100	75
1	Health Education North East	2017	<3										
1		2018	6	100	50	84	100	100	83	100	34	100	100
2	Health Education Yorkshire and Humber	2017	11	100	100	64	91	100	73	91	73	100	91
1		2018	16	94	69	37	75	94	81	100	69	100	94

	0-50% overall agreement in 2018		51-75% overall agreement in 2018		76-100% overall agreement in 2018
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