Broad Based Training (BBT) Programme - Equipping you for the future NHS

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BBT is a new two-year structured core training programme providing six-month placements in Core Medical Training, General Practice, Paediatrics and Psychiatry followed by CT/ST2 level training in one of the four specialties, subject to satisfactory progression.

If you missed Issue 1 of this bulletin, you can catch up at https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/bbt#Bulletins. In this edition, we have given you initial information about the likely location of BBT posts in the deaneries and provided answers on some of your frequently asked questions. If you are coming to the BMJ Careers Fair on 19th and 20th October, please come and visit us at Stand 71 and do look out for our article in a forthcoming edition of the BMJ Careers supplement.

Programme Details

If you've visited our website recently, you may have noticed there is now some information on likely post locations and programme details for all of the participating deaneries. We're hoping to add more detailed information as and when it becomes available. In the meantime, here's a summary of likely post locations:

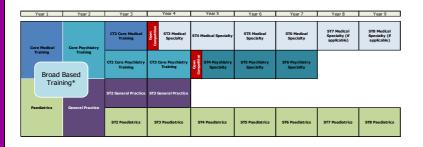
Deanery	Anticipated Number of Posts	Anticipated Locations at a Glance
East Midlands Deanery	4	Leicester and Nottingham
Kent, Surrey and Sussex Deanery	12	Dartford (Kent), Frimley (Surrey) and Brighton (Sussex)
Northern Deanery	8	Northumberland and North Tyneside
North Western Deanery	8	Bolton and Preston
Severn Deanery	4	Gloucestershire
West Midlands Deanery	8	Birmingham and the Black Country
Yorkshire and the Humber Deanery	8	Leeds and Sheffield

What happens after BBT?

Subject to satisfactory progression, you will progress into the CT/ST2 post of your choice, without further competition. It is anticipated that you will asked to confirm your choice of CT/ST2 post early in your second year of BBT. If you choose to pursue medicine or psychiatry, then once you complete core medical training or core psychiatry training, you will have to apply in open competition for an ST3 medical specialty or an ST4 psychiatry specialty. If you choose GP or Paediatrics, you will enter the run-through training programme at ST2 level.

Your post following BBT will be in the same deanery as your BBT post unless you apply for another post elsewhere in open competition or apply via the Inter-Deanery Transfer process.

If you want more information on what your CT2/ST2 specialty post is likely to entail, you should look at the relevant deanery or school's website and make contact with them, if you are still have queries. Contact details can be found at: http://www.mmc.nhs.uk/colleges_deaneries/deaneries.aspx.



A larger version of the diagram to the left, showing what happens after BBT can be found at the following link: https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/bbt#after _bbt

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply for both GP and BBT?

Yes, you can apply for both GP and BBT. You can also apply for CMT, Paediatrics or Psychiatry if you wish. The outcome of the BBT selection process will have no bearing on any of your other applications.

My ultimate goal is to get a training post in Paediatrics. Why do I have to apply through the GP recruitment process?

The Academy of Medical Educators agreed with the four Royal Colleges that the GP recruitment process, along with an additional stage comprising the other three BBT specialties would be the best way to recruit to posts in the pilot. This recruitment process will be evaluated, along with all other aspects of BBT over the coming two years.

How do I optimise my chances of getting selected to come to the BBT-specific selection centre?

You need to make sure that you really think about the answers you give to the BBT specific questions on the application form. These questions will be used for shortlisting if there are more BBT applicants than we have capacity to interview so they are your opportunity to demonstrate your interest in and suitability for BBT.

When will I hear if I have been selected to come to the BBT-specific selection centre?

We hope to be in a position to invite applicants to the BBT-specific selection centre by mid-January 2013. The invitation will be subject to you passing the Stage 3 GP assessment centre. Once we have received confirmation from GP NRO that you have passed Stage 3, we will confirm your interview slot. We may also contact you to tell you that you are on the reserve list for the BBT-specific selection centre, again subject to you passing the Stage 3 GP assessment centre.

How many people will be invited to the BBT-specific selection centre?

We have the capacity to interview just over 200 applicants.

How do I optimise my chances of getting made a BBT offer?

We welcome applications from both applicants who have already decided which of the four specialties to pursue and those who are still deciding. What's key is that you able to demonstrate that you understand and are committed to training and working across the boundaries of primary and secondary care.

What format will the BBT-specific selection centre take?

You will spend 10 minutes in each of three stations covering CMT, Paediatric and Psychiatry competences. To promote the integrated nature of BBT, each of the three panels is expected to contain representatives from two of the three specialties. There will be a specific section on Paediatric prescribing and one panel will look at evidence from your portfolio. Further details will be available ahead of interview.

When will BBT offers be made?

We will make initial BBT offers via the UK Offers System as soon as possible after the interviews and by no later than 29th February 2013.

Can I hold my GP offer whilst I wait to hear whether I have been successful at the BBT selection centre? Yes. You will be able to hold one offer until Thursday 7th March 2013.

If you've still got queries, please do feel free to contact us via bbt@nwpgmd.nhs.uk

Where can I find out more?

We will be at the BMJ Careers Fair on 19th and 20th October at Stand 71. If you can't get down to the Careers Fair, the 13th October 2012 BMJ Careers supplement will carry an article about BBT.

We have a dedicated website, which will be kept updated with all the latest BBT news. Please see https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/bbt.

Please send any queries to: bbt@nwpgmd.nhs.uk



