

## Guidance for North West School of Surgery trainees on run-through training programmes

A run-through training programme is a programme that runs straight from ST1 to ST7/8 without the need to apply to enter a later stage of training. Some specialties may require trainees to attend National Selection for the higher specialty to be bench-marked before progressing to ST3.

If a training programme is not run-through, the programme is “uncoupled”. This means after completing core surgical training, trainees must apply and be appointed through National Selection for their higher specialty at ST3.

Most specialties offer both run-through and uncoupled options, some only run-through and some only uncoupled.

The following surgical specialties operate run-through training programmes

Specialty	Uncoupled training available	Run-through training available	Benchmarked at ST3 (if run-through)
<b>Cardio-thoracic Surgery</b>	Yes	Yes*	No
<b>General Surgery</b>	Yes	Yes***	Yes
<b>Neurosurgery</b>	No	Yes*	No
<b>Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgery</b>	Yes	Yes**	No
<b>Otolaryngology (ENT)</b>	Yes	Yes**	No
<b>Paediatric Surgery</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Plastic Surgery</b>	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery</b>	Yes	From Aug 2020***	TBC
<b>Urology</b>	Yes	Yes***	Yes
<b>Vascular Surgery</b>	Yes	Yes***	No

\* GMC (General Medical Council) approved run-through training programme

\*\* Run-through training pilot

\*\*\* Run-through training pilot (through Improving Surgical Training (IST))

### Trainees on Run-through training programmes (except Neurosurgery)

- ST1 and ST2 trainees are managed by the Core Surgery Training Programme Director (TPD) with input from the run-through specialty TPD.
- The Core Surgery ARCP panel assesses ST1 and ST2 trainees with input from the run-through specialty TPD. The run-through specialty TPD must be invited to advise and contribute to the ST2 ARCP.

### Run-through Neurosurgery trainees

- All grades of trainee (ST1-8) are managed by the Neurosurgery TPD.
- The Neurosurgery Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) panel assesses all trainees.

## How to complete ST1 & ST2 placements on ISCP for trainees on run-through training programmes (except Neurosurgery)

As with other established run-through specialties, trainees will be allocated a National Training Number (NTN) which will be linked to the parent specialty. For that reason, trainees should record the following information when creating a new placement:

Your key training details	
<b>Appointment Type</b>	<b>Surgical StR</b>
<b>Parent Specialty</b>	select the relevant run-through specialty (this must be the same as the specialty of your NTN)
<b>Academic Trainee</b>	<b>No / ACL / ACF / CL</b> (select as appropriate)
<b>Military Trainee</b>	<b>No / Yes</b> (select as appropriate)
<b>Deanery/LETB</b>	Select either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health Education North West (Mersey)</b> for Cheshire &amp; Merseyside sector</li> <li>• <b>Health Education North West (North West)</b> for Greater Manchester, Lancashire &amp; South Cumbria Sector</li> </ul>
<b>TPD</b>	this should be your allocated core TPD (not your run-through specialty TPD, although both should appear in the user picker)

Placement details	
<b>Hospital</b>	type hospital name and it should appear in the user picker
<b>Start Date</b>	<b>start date</b> of placement
<b>End Date</b>	<b>end date</b> of placement
<b>Full Time Trainee</b>	<b>Yes / No</b> (select as appropriate)
<b>Specialty of placement</b>	select the specialty of your current placement (This could be different from the specialty of your NTN as selected in the section above)
<b>Level</b>	<b>ST1</b> or <b>ST2</b> ( <u>not</u> CT1 / CT2)

Supervisors for this placement	
<b>AES</b>	Type your Assigned Educational Supervisors' GMC number or name and it should appear in the user picker
<b>CS</b>	Your Clinical Supervisor should be someone different from your AES. Type you Clinical Supervisors' GMC number or name and it should appear in the user picker (you can have more than one CS).
<p><b>Add the run-through specialty TPD (for the specialty of your NTN) as one of your CSs</b> – this is to allow the specialty TPD access to your portfolio (especially important for the Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP)). To see who the specialty TPD is for your run-through specialty, see <a href="https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/Specialty_Schools/Surgery/TPDs">https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/Specialty_Schools/Surgery/TPDs</a></p>	

If you have any problems with completing your placement on ISCP, contact the ISCP helpdesk: [helpdesk@iscp.ac.uk](mailto:helpdesk@iscp.ac.uk) / 020 7869 6299