

## Update to the National Inter Deanery Transfer Process August 2022

### Introduction

The National Inter Deanery (IDT) process was initially established to support medical trainees who have had an unforeseen and significant change in circumstances since accepting an offer of a post in a training programme. HEE, on behalf of COPMeD, continues to work with trainee representatives to review the process and make improvements for future IDT rounds.

### Changes to the IDT process from August 2022

From August 2022, COPMeD, with support from the BMA and sponsorship from Health Education England (HEE), Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA), NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and Health Education and Improvement Wales have approved the addition of Criterion 5 for which trainees will be able to apply for a transfer.

Under Criterion 5, trainees are not required to demonstrate any change to personal circumstances and therefore an IDT can be requested for any other reason that is not covered by Criterion 1-4.

To apply for an IDT under Criterion 5, trainees are not required to provide any supporting documents or personal evidence. However, the mandatory supporting documentation (mentioned below) is required in order for the application to be deemed eligible:

- A copy of their most recent ARCP Outcome form and/or PGD Letter of Support which relates to their current training programme.
- A completed, appropriately signed, and dated Deanery Document

Also, trainees are now able to move between any of the four nations on an ARCP Outcome 1, 2, 3, 10.1 or 10.2. However, they must at the time of application have a letter of support from their Postgraduate Dean in the case of Outcome 2 or 3.

### Overview of IDT Process

#### Criteria for a change in personal circumstances

Trainees are only able to apply for a transfer under one of the following criteria. Where a trainee meets more than one criteria, the onus is on the trainee to decide which they apply under, as this chosen criteria will be the one used for the application process.

Criterion 1A - The trainee has developed a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010 (see below), following the acceptance of an offer of a training post, for which treatment is an absolute requirement and where the treatment, care or social requirements can only be carried out in the geographical area the trainee has applied to relocate to, as confirmed by a report from their Occupational Health Physician, GP or their medical specialist.

**Criterion 1B** - The trainee has developed a condition relating to mental health following the acceptance of an offer of a training post, for which treatment is an absolute requirement and where the treatment, care or social requirements can only be carried out in the geographical area the trainee has applied to relocate to, as confirmed by a report from their Occupational Health Physician, GP or other registered clinician providing care for the individual.

**Criterion 2** - The trainee is the primary carer for someone who has significant ill health and/or is disabled as defined by the Equality Act 2010 (see below), expected to be a partner, sibling, parent or child, and these responsibilities have changed significantly following the acceptance of an offer of a training post, resulting in the need to move location. Trainees who provide care for a person as part of a group of carers, e.g. a family, are not eligible to apply under this criterion.

**Criterion 3** - The trainee is a parent or legal guardian of a child (or children) under the age of 18 who reside primarily with them, and for whom they have had significant change in caring responsibilities following the acceptance of an offer of a training post, resulting in the need to move location.

Please note: This criterion is based on childcare. Pregnancy is not part of this criterion. A trainee whose sole circumstance is that she - or a partner - is currently pregnant will not be regarded as eligible.

**Criterion 4** - The trainee has had a significant change in personal circumstances due to a committed relationship or the breakdown of a committed relationship that could not have been foreseen following the acceptance of an offer of a training post, resulting in the need to move location.

Please note: a committed relationship refers to the relationship a trainee has with a partner (e.g. boyfriend, girlfriend, husband or wife) and not with other family members or friends.

**Criterion 5** – The trainee requires a transfer to another region to continue their training for any other reason not covered by Criteria 1-4.

### **Timeline for submission of applications**

Supporting Documents available on website	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Application Window Opens	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2022 at 12pm
Application Window Closes	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 12pm

It is the responsibility of the trainee to submit the correct supporting documents and any required evidence with all sections completed at the time of application, and before the submission deadline. Late applications will not be accepted.

### **Transfers Outside of this Process**

Please note that neither educators nor the national Inter Deanery Transfer (IDT) team can facilitate any transfers outside of the agreed national process.

For further information about the Inter Deanery Transfer Process including the detailed IDT timeline for August 2022 applications, please visit the [National Inter Deanery website](#).