

Local Education Provider Faculty Teams

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Background

The Wales Deanery's primary objective is to deliver excellence in postgraduate medical and dental education and training by ensuring that all training grade doctors and dentists have access to high quality postgraduate facilities and educational support so that they can achieve their potential in service provision to the NHS in Wales.

Within each Local Education Provider (Health Board or Trust) in Wales is a 'Faculty Team' central to the support, delivery and management of postgraduate medical education and training in Wales.



Faculty Team Members

The exact composition of Faculty Teams varies with each Health Board/Trust, but Faculty Teams typically comprise:

Assistant Medical Directors (AMD) for Education

Lead on the delivery of medical education and training in the Local Education Provider, ensuring that GMC standards are met and that a robust governance structure in relation to medical education and training is in place.

AWHILES Librarians

Run NHS Wales and Cardiff University health libraries which provide health information to support patient care, education, training and research for NHS Wales staff, including all training grade doctors and dentists, and Cardiff University staff and students on placement.

Faculty Leads

Work in partnership with the Wales Deanery to support, deliver and manage postgraduate medical training in Wales. A number of variations to the Faculty Lead model exist across Health Boards determined by local need and governance structures, but generally each Faculty Lead has a specific area of responsibility (Trainers, Trainees or Quality).

Foundation Programme Directors

Ensure that high quality Foundation training is provided, through access to suitable training, appraisal and assessment as set out by the Foundation Programme Curriculum for trainees.

General Practice (GP) Programme Directors

Plan and run the Speciality Training Scheme for General Practice in their region, in accordance with national and regional policies and in consultation with Associate Deans, other Programme Directors, Trainers, Trainees and Faculty Leads.

Medical Education Managers

Provide support to the Faculty Team with regards to strategic direction, leadership and planning of the work of the Medical Education Department. This includes the management, facilitation and quality assurance of all local induction, teaching activity and training programmes for trainees. The role also involves financial management and departmental policy and service development.

Staff and Associate Specialist (SAS) Tutors

Provide support and guidance for SAS doctors in the Health Board and leadership in relation to both the professional development of SAS doctors and the contribution of SAS doctors to education and training of trainees in relevant specialties.

For more information on the Faculty Team within your Health Board/Trust, please contact your local education centre

Faculty Team Development

The Deanery is committed to supporting Faculty Team members to deliver their roles effectively, in order to ensure the highest quality of postgraduate medical education and training is provided across Wales.

Team Appraisals

As part of their development Faculty Teams are appraised on an annual basis. This provides a mechanism for ensuring the Faculty Teams' accountability to the Deanery in relation to postgraduate medical education and training, and also an opportunity for Teams to reflect on how they are functioning.

Professional Development and Networking Opportunities

Regular development and networking opportunities are provided by the Deanery for Faculty Teams. This encourages collaboration with members of their own and other Faculty Teams in order to share good practice and approaches to postgraduate medical education and training.

Opportunities for Involvement

If you aspire to secure a future role in medical education, please contact the Medical Education Manager at your local postgraduate centre for more information on how you can get involved with Faculty Team activity.

For more information on support for Faculty Teams please contact the Wales Deanery's Quality Unit at pges@cardiff.ac.uk