

North West SAS Doctors Newsletter

Issue 4 – September 2020

Somehow nearly a year has passed since the last SAS Doctors newsletter, though we're not sure quite where the time has gone! Hopefully you will have received the emails about events and opportunities which have been circulated in the intervening time, but we thought it would be helpful to reinstate the newsletter to update you on a number of matters. Clearly much has changed in recent months due to the Covid pandemic, and we hope you've been able to keep safe and to adapt to the current circumstances.

You may be aware that sadly we had to cancel a number of face-to-face events which were scheduled for the last few months. However, we have been busy working out how we can support SAS doctor development in different ways and there are several exciting plans for the coming months.

Health Education England North West Vision Statement and Priorities for SAS Doctor Development

Our vision is that every SAS doctor working in the North West will be supported to develop their professional knowledge and skills in accordance with their individual priorities and the needs of the NHS.

Our priority areas for 2020/21 are:

- Educator development
- Leadership development
- Career development

Virtual Welcome Meeting for new SAS Doctors 16.9.20

A huge welcome to anyone who has started as a SAS doctor in the last few months and is receiving the SAS Doctor newsletter for the first time. Congratulations on your appointment and we hope you are settling in to your new role. We are holding a virtual Welcome Meeting for you on Wednesday 16th September 2020. This will be held via MS Teams from 17.30-18.30. We do hope you will be able to join the session. It would be great to have the opportunity to get to know you and to share with you about the development opportunities available for SAS doctors in the North West. Details of how to join the event are available from sasdoctors.nw@hee.nhs.uk.

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Delivering Excellence 2020 – Virtual Mini-Conference 15.10.20

Bookings are now open for Delivering Excellence 2020, our Virtual Mini-Conference for SAS doctors and dentists, which is being held on Thursday 15th October 2020 from 14.00 to 18.30. The event will include:

- A plenary session and workshop by Ben Tipney from Medled on Maximising Performance
- Presentations from some of the nominees for the SAS Awards on “My Journey to Delivering Excellence”
- Presentation of the SAS Awards (deferred from March 2020)
- Opportunity for virtual networking

Further details are available from sasdoctors.nw@hee.nhs.uk.

Edge Hill University Postgraduate Certificate in Workplace-Based Postgraduate Medical Education

You may be aware already that we have arranged a contract with Edge Hill University to allow a number of SAS doctors and dentists to study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Workplace-Based Postgraduate Medical Education. At the time of writing, 40 individuals have been allocated funded places to start the course in September 2020, with a further 30 due to commence in February 2021. There are still a few places remaining for February. If you would be interested in applying for one of these, then please contact sasdoctors.nw@hee.nhs.uk for details of the application process.

SAS Career Development Programme

We are offering two cohorts of SAS doctors the opportunity to participate in a 10 month Career Development Programme, starting January 2021, which is being run in association with Deduci. Full details of the programme and application process have been circulated recently.

Other forthcoming events

30th November 2020: AOMRC National SAS Doctor Conference. For booking information and further details see <https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/departmental-catalog/Departments/postgraduate-and-scientific-meetings/2410---aomrc-national-sas-doctor-conference-2020/>. This was originally due to run as a face-to-face event and the price on the website may be revised now it is running virtually.

4th March 2021: 8th Annual NW SAS Conference - Save the Date! Further details will be circulated nearer the time.

Your News and Views



Your news and views wanted

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the SAS Doctor newsletter.

We would welcome your contributions for our next newsletter. Please send any news articles, updates, achievements and announcements to SASDoctors.NW@hee.nhs.uk

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