# RCPsych: Applying to Core Training Webinar

*Monday 9 November 2026 17:00 – 18:00*

| | Question | Answer |
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| 1 | If one has completed some previous Psychiatric UK training but had to leave training for personal reasons, how does one rejoin the training programme if one would be above CT1? | Live answered at 00:39:06 |
| 2 | Can we apply for both Scotland and England in the next round? | No. In 2027 there will be a separate Core Psychiatry vacancy for applications to Scotland only. Applicants will only be considered for one vacancy so they should only apply to the vacancy for their preferred area: Scotland OR England, Northern Ireland and Wales.<br><br>The recruitment process for the Scotland vacancy will follow the same process as the rest of the UK.<br><br>Further information for the Scotland vacancy can be found on the Scottish Medical Training website.<br><br>Live answered at 00:40:16 |
| 3 | Regarding 2027 CREST form - will it still be acceptable to submit a form where additional evidence is given for one domain only by another consultant who has only observed the skills on one day? The main signatory has worked with me more than 3 months WTE and has selected 'personally witnessed' for all other domains of the form. | Live answered at 00:40:39 |

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| 4 | Good afternoon, thank you for hosting this session.<br>I have some questions regarding LTFT and the training start date.<br><br>1. For LTFT foundation trainees who have an extra rotation at the end of August, do they apply in the same round of applications? - do Psychiatry CT programs usually allow a deferred start date for these circumstances and if yes, for how long after the advertised start date?<br><br>2. If no to the above, can one still sit the MSRA exam in February 2027 and will the mark carry over to the next batch of starting dates? | Live answered at 00:41:57 |
| 5 | A correlation between scores in a largely irrelevant exam and future exam performance is a flawed measure and should not form the sole basis for national recruitment to specialty training, as many applicants and trainees have been pointing out over the past few years. Other than reduced costs, is there an argument for not following the more rigorous approach that other royal colleges use e.g. using the MSRA as one of the shortlisting criteria; reintroducing interviews / portfolio to assess commitment to specialty and other relevant measures?<br>Given the boom in competition ratios since the MSRA has become the only selection criterions, is there data | Thanks very much for sharing your thoughts. The recruitment process is currently being reviewed carefully with different stakeholders. Apologies, but the speakers today will not be able to help you about this query.<br><br>If you have further queries about this, please email careers@rcpsych.ac.uk and we will either respond or direct you to an appropriate alternative body. |

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| | available about rates of withdrawal from core training / transfer to other specialties? | |
| 6 | Can I clarify with regards to the CREST form. If the consultant who has signed the CREST form is not GMC registered, does one need to provide evidence of their registration in their home country? | Live answered at 00:43:45 |
| 7 | How often are MSRAs run in a year and when in year do trainings start? | Live answered at 00:46:22 |
| 8 | Thank you for answering my above questions. Has there previously been both Aug and February start dates for the CT program?<br>Do I understand well that the February start dates are not a given and depend on the number of applications processed in August? | Live answered at 00:47:18 |
| 9 | Are we unable to apply for both Scotland and England in the next round? | Live answered at 00:47:58 (and above) |