

Free Members' Webinar: Applying to Core Training 4 November

#	Question	Answer(s)
1	Are we able to defer places if application successful?	Applicants can request a deferred start date in the application form. It is only possible to defer your start date for statutory reasons (e.g. ill health or parental leave). If this doesn't apply to your circumstances you may wish to apply in the next round of recruitment. Unlike most specialties we offer two start dates - February and August - for CT1 Psychiatry.
2	Are there 2 entry times per year and if yes, do they have different application times?	There are two rounds of recruitment per year so it is possible to start training in February and August. Details, including timelines, are available on the National Recruitment website, https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/ct1_psy_recruit_overview
3	Please do you need a valid IELTS or OET if you are currently working in the UK as a standalone foundation trainee ?	No, applicants who have full GMC registration are not required to provide further evidence of their english language skills as this is assessed by the GMC. If you do not have full GMC registration at the time of application you will need to <u>explain in the application form how you expect to achieve this</u>
4	Will ST1 child and adolescents have rotation in in other dicipline like general adult, old age etc or only child and adolescents.	Answered live.
5	When should we book MRSA exam? will we receive an invitation for that?	After your application has been longlisted you will receive instructions on how to register with Pearson Vue and arrange your MSRA (Multi-Specialty Recruitment Assessment). The MSRA will be delivered between Thursday 6th January and Saturday 15th January 2022
6	I am an international medical graduate. I currently have a little over 12 months nhs experience after full registration. In regards to the 24 months- I came from a six year medical school course and my final year was as internship. Hence I was granted full GMC registration when I came to the UK. Would that be sufficient for the application?	Applicants are required to have 24 months' clinical experience by the post start date, 12 months' of which should be post-GMC or equivalent registration. The experience you have described is sufficient. Please include this internship experience in the 'employment history' section of your application form.
7	re references can we nominate our previous consultant n the uk if the current one is not willing to write a reference?	Applicants are expected to provide details of three referees who have supervised them over the last three years. Ideally you would include your current supervisor. Please note that although we request referee details now, at the time of application, they will not be contacted until much further along in the process when you have accepted a post. The reference is very brief and factual and can be completed via the Oriel system.
8	is there a specific duration at which the referees are accepted and woud referees from unpaid training posts be accepted?	Ideally you will provide details of three referees who have supervised your work over the last three years. You can include a referee from an unpaid clinical attachment post you <u>may have held in this period</u>
9	I am a resident doctor in department of Psychiatry in Nigeria,I want to know if I am eligible to apply. thanks	Applicants must be eligible for GMC registration by closing date of application and hold full registration by the start date. Further guidance is available on the GMC website.
10	I'm a current FY2 trainee. How do I obtain my DRN?	Your Foundation School will be able to confirm your DRN (Deanery Reference Number). If you don't have this at the time of application it will be clear from your employment <u>history that you are a current FY2 trainee</u> .
11	As an International Medical Graduate, is it necessary to have a full year of working in the NHS (in a non-training post) before applying for Core Training?	No, applicants are not required to have NHS experience to apply for a Core Psychiatry training post, and this will not disadvantage your application in any way. Applicants must have 24 months' clinical expeirence by the post start date.
12	Do we need a CV or portfolio for the application form?	No, the application form will ask you for factual information about you, your employment history and foundation competency. Ther is no need to provide an <u>additional CV or portfolio</u>
13	Do we need to have the CREST at the time of application? (4 nov to dec) or is it like the foundation competencies we have until august to secure it?	Applicants must provide evidence of their foundation competency at the time of application - it isn't possible to provide this further along in the recruitment process.
14	I am doing a PhD currently and plan to apply with the hopes of intergrating the CT1 to an academic programe. Is that possible?	Unfortunately we would be unable to answer this query. The national recruitment team manages the recruitment process for Core Psychiatry training and clinically benchmarks academic applicants. Academic posts are advertised regionally through universities so you may need to discuss this idea with them directly. Information about academic posts can be found on the following website: https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-in-medicine-2022/28732?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=academy-awards-21
15	When can we list our preferences? is it in the application form?	No, the preferencing window will open on Wednesday 16th February 2022 and close on Wedndesay 2nd March 2022. Anticipated vacancy numbers are currently available on our website: https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/ct1_psy_current_round
16	Pls if I have no experience in psychiatry, can I apply for the training?	Applicants are required to have 24 months' clinical experience to apply, but this doesn't need to include Psychiatry experience. You would, of course, be welcome to apply. Further information can be found on our website: https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/ct1_psy_current_round . The 24 months' clinical experience doesn't have to be continuous, and it doesn't have to be UK based.
17	If you accept a core psychiatry training offer (not CAMHS run-through) can you enter CAMHS training at a later stage?	Yes, after core training applicants will apply to higher training specialties at ST4 level in open competition.
18	Regarding the 12 months post GMC registration. Should be 12 post GMC at time of application or by the time of start?	It must be 12 months post-GMC registration by the post start date - you'll be able to demonstrate this in the employment history section of the application form.

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19	Do we apply to the specific deanery we wish to apply to at this stage? For example if I wish to apply to West Midlands, will I need to apply to that or will I need apply elsewhere? Thanks!	Further along in the process, applicants will have the opportunity to rank all available posts in England, Scotland and Wales in order of preference.
20	How are the rotations for Ct1-3 chosen/allocated?	You will have the opportunity to preference posts between Wednesday 16th February and Wednesday 2nd March 2022. Please note that the posts listed may not include the level of detail you're requesting. Further information about each region, including contact details, can be found on our website: https://nwpqmd.nhs.uk/ct1_psy_recruit_locations
21	I am asking this question regarding prospective years, will there be any time our portfolios-cv's considered together at applicaitons?	We don't expect there to be any changes to the CT1 recruitment process in the coming rounds of recruitment. The current ST4 recruitment process includes a 'Self Assessment' stage where applicants can provide details of their experience to score further points.
22	Is it possible to transfer information from previous application on Oriel? Or do we have to fill in the new application from the scratch ?	If you have completed the 'registration' section of Oriel or applied previously it should be possible for your information to transfer across.
23	Please what is the eligibility criteria for GMC registration? I have passed my OET exam ,I want to know if that is all I need? thanks	GMC registration requires demonstration of English language skills and also passing the PLAB examination or being sponsored. There are more details on the GMC website which has a great tool that walks you through your options based on your specific circumstances
24	Will the slides be provided after the talk?	The recording will be available online within 24 hours.
25	do we need to have a year of experience in the NHS by the time we apply or could it be by the time we start working? I'll complete 1 year in june 2022.	There's no requirement to have NHS experience when applying for this training programme but applicants must have 24 months' clinical experience, and 12 months' must be at an F2 post-GMC registration or equivalent level. If you can secure full GMC registration then you would meet this requirement. Please feel free to contact the recruitment team (psychiatryrecruitment.nw@hee.nhs.uk) if you have any queries about your experience
26	One of the slides on application asked for FY2s to supply their DRN - where do we find this? (I thought only those in specialty training had a DRN, but I could be wrong?)	Your Foundation School will be able to confirm your DRN (Deanery Reference Number). It's fine if you don't have this at the time of application as it will be clear from your employment history that you are a current FY2 trainee.
27	which Q bank for SJT style questions is most similar to the Sjt style qs in the MSRA exam?	There are example MSRA questions available on our website: https://nwpqmd.nhs.uk/ct1_psy_recruit_guidance_docs
28	Do you happen to know how to do this? I have just started the application for August 2022 and can't seem to find an option to transfer form previous application.	Answered live.
29	How does the booking for MSRA exam work? In terms of within the exam window- will there be sufficiently availability to book around work commitments or will a date and time be allocated?	The MSRA will be delivered at Pearson VUE testing centres throughout the UK and globally between Thursday 6th January and Saturday 15th January 2022. You will be able to book a location/time that is convenient to you. There is a limited capacity at each centre so there may be a requirement to travel if there is no availability at your preferred location
30	I noticed that only a few deaneries are planning on offering CAMHS ST1 - Is there any chance that further deaneries will add ST1 posts during this recruitment cycle, before we get to the preference by stage?	This is possible, but at this stage we can't predict how likely it will be. For the August 2021 intake we had 14 ST1 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry posts avialable in England.
31	How does the MSRA fit into ACF posts? If we get an ACF post do we just need to 'pass'?	Yes, to be clinically benchmarked applicants must achieve the required MSRA score to be considered 'appointable'.
32	I missed the section on references, how many references do we need and how many years do they need to cover? As an FY2, do you need a reference from medical school as well, I've only been working for just over a year?	Applicants must provide details of three referees who have, ideally, supervised their work in the last three years. If you are an FY2 trainee this could be three referees from your foundation training or you could choose to include a referee from medical school.
33	Re references - do these all have to be consultant supervisors, or can they be other senior MDT members who have worked with you? (OTs, psychologists etc). I've worked as a psych SHO for 2yrs in a post under the same consultant, so don't have 3 consultant referees for the past 2yrs of work.	The referees should all be consultant supervisors. If you have worked in the same post, with the same supervisor, perhaps you could contact other referees from previous roles.
34	is it better to have a&e experience before joining psych training? as an IMG my experience in the NHS is only in psych. I wonder if I need a&e or medicine experience too because of wa	A&E experience, and even NHS experience, is not essential when applying for Core Psychiatry Training. Choosing to gain this experience before starting core training would be your decision.
35	When do we make preferences for ACF?	ACF recruitment is a separate process managed locally by HEE regions and the associated universities. Although the national recruitment team (PSYNRO) would 'clinically benchmark' your application, you would need to apply directly for the available academic posts. They would their own application and preferencing processes.
37	I've just applied for ACF to West Midlands, when will I need to make the preferences within this Deanery as it wasn't allowing me to do that at this stage? The deadline was yesterday.	At this stage there is no need to inform the National Recruitment Team that you have applied for an academic post. Further along in the recruitment year you will have the opportunity to preference the available clinical posts. If you have no intention of taking up a clinical post you would not complete this part of the process.
38	what would be the application window opening date for February 2023?	We expect that the February 2023 intake will be advertised in July 2022. Information will be added to our website in the coming year.

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39	Just to confirm, when do applications open? I'm yet to see any vacancies appear via oriel at present.	The application window for the August 2022 intake opened on Thursday 4th November 2021. You will need to search for 'Core Psychiatry Training' in Oriel.
40	sorry but do you mean CREST should be signed between 4 novemeber and 1 december? thanks	The CREST must be submitted at the time of application. It must be signed by a consultant who has supervised your work for at least 3 continuous months within 3.5 years of the post start date - they must have signed the form within this period, not just in the application window
41	What if we dont have 12 month NHS experience, Can we still apply ??	Yes, there is no requirement to have NHS experience. Applicants must have 24 months' clinical experience gained in the UK or overseas to be eligible.
42	Hello,I am in the midst of converting Provisional Registration to Full Registration with the GMC. Is it still possible to apply via Oriel as an IMG? Just afraid it may not be processed in time for the deadline.Thank you so much	Yes, it is possible to apply. Applicants must have full GMC registration by the post start date, not by the time of application. In the application form you will have an opportunity to explain how you expect to secure full GMC registration by the post start date.
43	Apologies - Please may I confirm which application round is appropriate to begin training in Feb 2023?	The February 2023 intake will be advertised in July 2022. Information will be added to our website in the coming months.