

South West Higher Surgical Training Programme – General Surgery

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To: All General Surgery Higher Surgical Trainees in Health Education England Southwest

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Dear All

The SAC has in September 2017 issued guidance regarding the PBAs required for CCT for trainees with a sub-speciality interest in Upper GI. This differs from the advice issued by the SAC chair earlier this year.



For trainees wishing to pursue a career as a “benign upper GI surgeon” PBAs are not needed for UGI resections. For those trainees, sub-speciality PBAs are needed at level 4 for OGD, Cholecystectomy and Anti-reflux surgery.

For trainees wishing to pursue a career as a “resectional upper GI surgeon” additional PBAs are needed at level 3 for oesophagectomy and gastrectomy.

For trainees wishing to pursue a career in HPB surgery, PBAs are needed at level 4 for OGD and Cholecystectomy and level 3 for hepatic and pancreatic resections.

If you are nearing CCT and have any questions regarding this, please contact your TPD.

With kind regards



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