

BSPD Newsletter #3

Education and Training



Dear all,

Welcome to the February edition of the BSPD newsletter. This is the third in the series of newsletters (every 2 months) updating you on thematic issues and the ways that the BSPD is engaged on them. This newsletter is an update on **paediatric dermatology education and training** that members of the BSPD have been leading.

Paediatric dermatology curriculum

The higher specialist training dermatology curriculum 2010 has been rewritten and is due for publication later this year alongside an update of the guidebook for trainees "Dermatology-the Essentials". The curriculum format and language will change slightly. We have tried to be less ambitious about which competences of general paediatric medicine are expected and clearer about the clinical content of paediatric dermatology that should be covered. We hope you will find it useful and a good match for the training that is delivered.

GPs with a specialist interest (GPwER)

Given the number of unfilled consultant dermatology posts there is an increased appetite to train and support colleagues within other relevant specialties and within general practice to look after children with skin problems effectively.

The BSPD is collaborating with the Royal College of General Practitioners via the BAD Education Board to produce a curriculum for GPs wishing to develop an extended role in paediatric dermatology. It may appeal to the same GPs who are already doing either medical dermatology or general paediatric extended roles. Delivery of the curriculum and support of GPs working in those roles is likely to involve many of you in your local areas if this is approved. Further updates to follow

Special interest (SPIN) module in Dermatology for Paediatric trainees and Consultant Paediatricians

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) currently has 18 SPIN modules. The paediatric dermatology SPIN module has existed since 2015 and is the first module to have been completely updated from competencies to capabilities including a rewrite of all sections. There are now 5 learning outcomes and a number of key capabilities with illustrations and examples of how these can be achieved. This process, led by members of the BSPD, has recently been approved which is excellent.

Who undertakes a SPIN module?

SPIN modules are designed for level 3 (ST6-8) trainees or for those who have Paediatric CCT to gain additional training and experience in paediatric dermatology. It enables Paediatricians to apply for a General paediatric post with special expertise in Paediatric dermatology and lead locally on that area within their own department. It involves collaboration with many other specialties and health care professionals and importantly with dermatology colleagues as part of the clinical network providing for children and young people who need specialist paediatric care

Why undertake a SPIN module in Paediatric Dermatology?

There is a growing need for Paediatricians to be formally involved in the care of children with skin disorders. It has been anomalous that children and young people with sometimes complex and chronic health needs are looked after solely by physicians many of whom have not had paediatric training.

There is now widespread recognition that children and young people's needs require separate consideration within healthcare. The SPIN curriculum has included input from RCPCH &Us which is a children, young people and family network.

What is SPIN not?

The RCPCH emphasises that SPIN is not a route to GMC sub-specialty accreditation and that it is not sub-specialty training of equivalence to Paediatric national GRID training. This training does not exist however in Paediatric Dermatology

How do you undertake a SPIN?

A SPIN is undertaken and assessed within the working environment, under the guidance of a designated Supervisor with recording of evidence within Kaizen Paediatric ePortfolio. The Curriculum includes an assessment grid. The BSPD SPIN Leads review all applications for a dermatology SPIN and are responsible for reviewing completed portfolios and confirming if successful completion of the SPIN is to be awarded. This is no mean task and takes several hours on the part of the reviewers in order to do justice to the submitted evidence.

How long does it take to do a SPIN module?

The SPIN module takes 12 months fulltime and prorata if working part-time for trainees. If post CCT then the time can range from 12 months to 5 years depending on working commitments.

When are applications for RCPCH SPIN modules?

Applications are twice a year in November to start in February/March of the following year and in May to start in August/September. Further information is available on the [RCPCH Website](#).

Upcoming training opportunities and courses

- 1. Birmingham Heartlands Hospital Dermatology for Paediatricians 18th Annual Course (Virtual)**
9th -11th June 2021
Cost: £275
Audience: Paediatricians of all grades and other health care professionals working in Paediatrics
Further details: Mrs Wendy Leach Wendy.Leach@heartofengland.nhs.uk or telephone 0121 424 1826.
- 2. Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital 22nd Annual Paediatric Dermatology Course (Virtual)**
24th-28th May 2021
Cost: £250
Audience: Dermatology consultants and dermatology trainees
Further details: please see <https://bwc.nhs.uk/dermatology-courses-for-professionals/>
- 3. World Congress of Paediatric Dermatology (pre-conference courses)**
Courses in paediatric dermatology (for trainees) and Lasers available.
22nd September (Half-day courses running concurrently)
Cost: £125 (Trainees) £150 (Consultants) (discount available for virtual attendance)
Further details: <https://wcpd2021.com/wcpd2021-registration/>

BSPD Training Fellowships

- 1. BSPD UK Small Clinical Fellowship Award (£500)**
Aim: To support tertiary-level paediatric dermatology experience
Application deadline: 30th June each year
Further details and application form: <http://bspd.org/fellowships/>

2. **BSPD Trainee Fellowship (£2,000)**

Aim: To support a UK Dermatology or Paediatrics trainee undertaking further training or a research project

Application deadline: 31st October each year

Further details and application form: <http://bspd.org/fellowships/>

3. **European Society of Paediatric Dermatology (ESPD) Fellowship (£500)**

Aim: To support a BSPD member's attendance to present at the ESPD meeting.

Application deadline: rolling

Further details and application form: <http://bspd.org/fellowships/>

We hope this update gives you an idea of the progress made and opportunities in paediatric dermatology for trainees in dermatology, paediatrics and primary care.

Please do feedback to the team if you have any comments or questions.

All the best,

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