Teaching during Ophthalmology Specialty Training - a survey across all 24 deaneries in the UK

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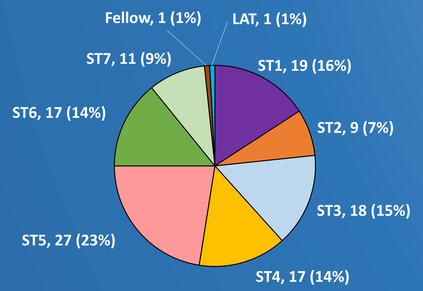
INTRODUCTION

- RCOphth have a curriculum ensuring residents are equipped with theoretical knowledge and practical skills to achieve CCT; and set guidelines on delivery, format and quantity of teaching during OST
- Residents (formerly called trainees) across the UK have shared positives and negatives in the quality and quantity of teaching they receive in their deaneries, although this has not been previously formally assessed

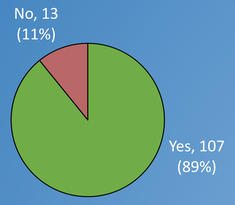
METHODS

- UK-wide survey targeting residents was conducted to assess format, content, frequency and quality of teaching
- 120 responses from all 24 deaneries were acquired

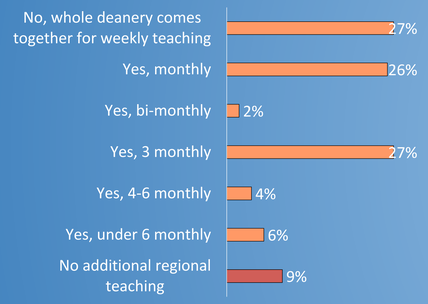
Deanery	Responses	Deanery	Responses
East Midlands – North	5	Scotland – East	2
East Midlands – South	1	Scotland – North	3
East of England	10	Scotland - South East	1
Kent, Surrey, Sussex	8	Scotland – West	7
London – North	13	Severn	3
London – South	13	Thames Valley	3
Mersey	7	Wales	3
North East	6	Wessex	3
North West	4	West Midlands	9
Northern Ireland	7	Yorkshire – North	2
Peninsula	5	Yorkshire – South	5



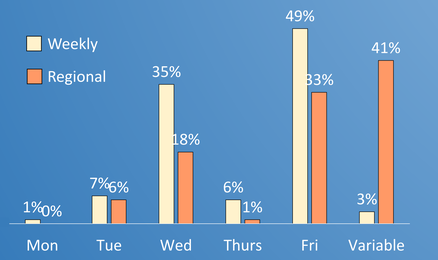
Q1. Stage of training of respondents



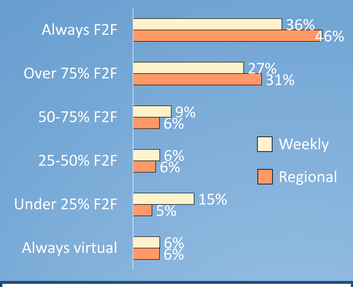
Q2. Do you get weekly ophthalmology teaching?



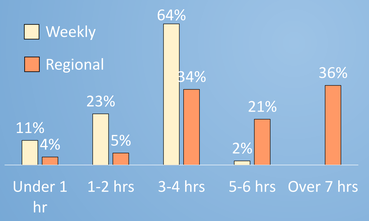
Q3. Do you get additional regional (deanery-wide) teaching and if so, how often?



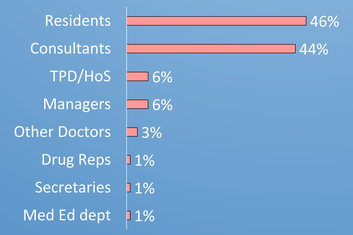
Q4. What day of the week is weekly and regional teaching?



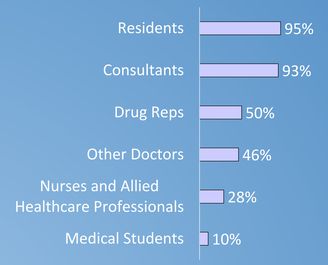
Q5. How often is weekly and regional teaching virtual vs face-to-face?



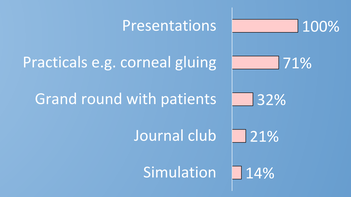
Q6. How many hours is the weekly and regional teaching?



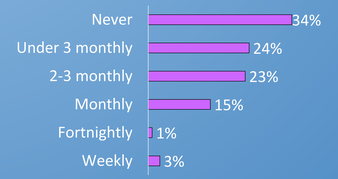
Q7. Who organises the weekly teaching?



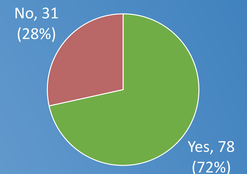
Q8. Who presents at weekly teaching?



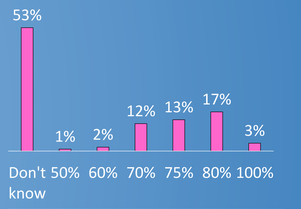
Q9. What format have you had teaching delivered in the last year?



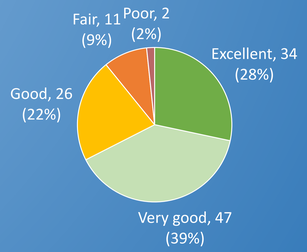
Q10. How often are you pulled from teaching to cover clinic / theatre / A&E?



Q11. Is there a register at weekly teaching?



Q12. Do you know the minimum attendance requirement for teaching and if so, how much?



Q13. Rate the overall quality of teaching in the last year

Positive comments

"Really good we know the schedule for the whole year"
"Non-judgemental, proactive atmosphere"
"OSCEs with real patients great"
"Enthusiastic presenters who put a lot of effort in"
"Varied, complex tertiary centre cases for all subspecialities"
"Lunch provided"
"Well attended by consultants with lively discussion / debates"
"Bi-yearly competitions recent surgery video and research"
"Nice to see all the trainees every week"
"We get as much as we ask for"
"Virtual extremely helpful for my learning difficulty as I can record it, or I miss half of what is being taught"
"Easily accessible on blackboard"
"Applicable to all levels, medical student to world-leading experts"

Negative comments

"Trainees can be on rota for clinic, expected to watch teaching in RSTA"
"Expert talks on random research difficult to follow as junior trainee"
"Multiple consultants often ask you to present which can get exhausting, they don't present themselves"
"Cancelled with poor reason e.g. they did not know teaching was on"
"Hospital is 2 hours away from teaching site so often unable to attend"
"No option for virtual despite repeated requests"
"Have to apply for study leave which is burdensome"
"1 in 3 rota to present so intense and a lot of time spent researching and making PowerPoints"
"Never cover the basics, always the weird and wonderful diagnoses"
"Often clear that the teacher is not prepared regardless of having a long time to get ready. Essentially I go there for some sandwiches and small talk. If I learn a bullet point that's a bonus"

DICUSSION

- Highest rated deaneries for quality of teaching are Mersey (4.6 out of 5), London – North (4.4) and North West (4.2)
- 33% of UK residents never have teaching cancelled. For those who get cancelled, 81% do not have any alternative arranged
- Neuro-ophthalmology and uveitis are least taught subspecialities
- 77% of residents get additional ophthalmology teaching outside of weekly and regional teaching
- 34% get combined teaching with other specialities e.g. neurology, radiology