Gynaecological Skills Training Impact Assessment of Trainees in Northern Ireland

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INTRODUCTION

COVID-19 has significantly impacted all areas of training, especially in gynaecological surgery. The RCOG recommended a training impact assessment of all trainees as part of the gynaecology recovery plan.

METHODS

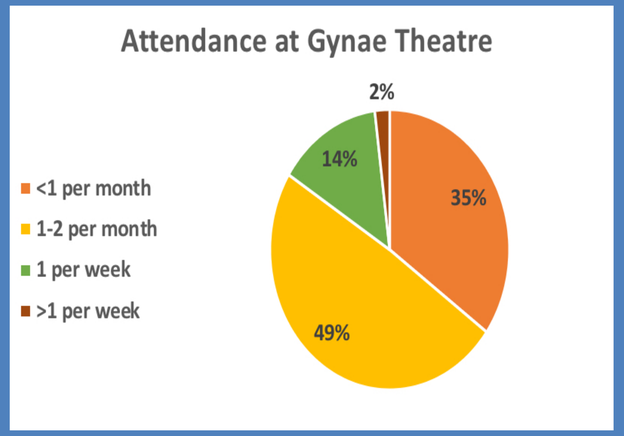
- RCOG recovery plan discussed at school board
- Online trainee survey developed & distributed

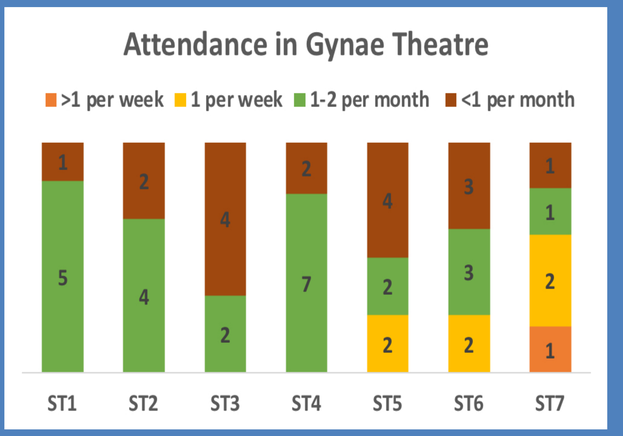
RESULTS

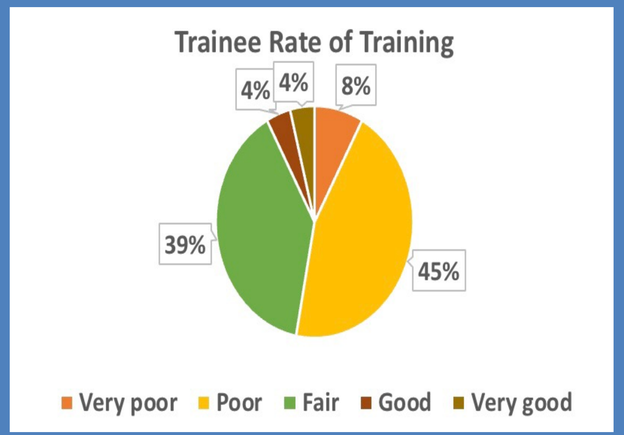
- 89% response rate across all training units in NI
- 45% rated current training as 'poor'
- 86% felt their skills weren't appropriate for their training grade
- ***76% felt they wouldn't be competent in gynae surgery by CCT***
- 7 trainees were undertaking a gynae surgical ATSM + 65% were not on track to complete.
- 5 trainees declared competency in performing hysterectomy (TAH/Vaginal/TLH)

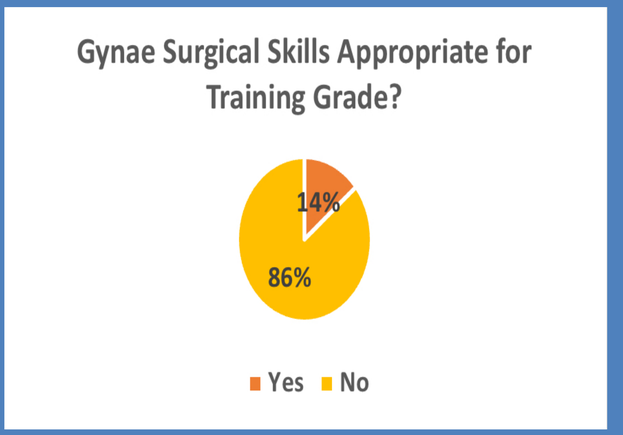
DISCUSSION

- COVID-19 has had a significant impact on gynae surgical training with the majority (49%) attending gynae theatre for 1-2 sessions per month and the majority (39%) acting as lead operator for only 25% of cases.









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