

TITLE: RURAL MEDICAL TRAINING PATHWAYS – FOR NHS SCOTLAND

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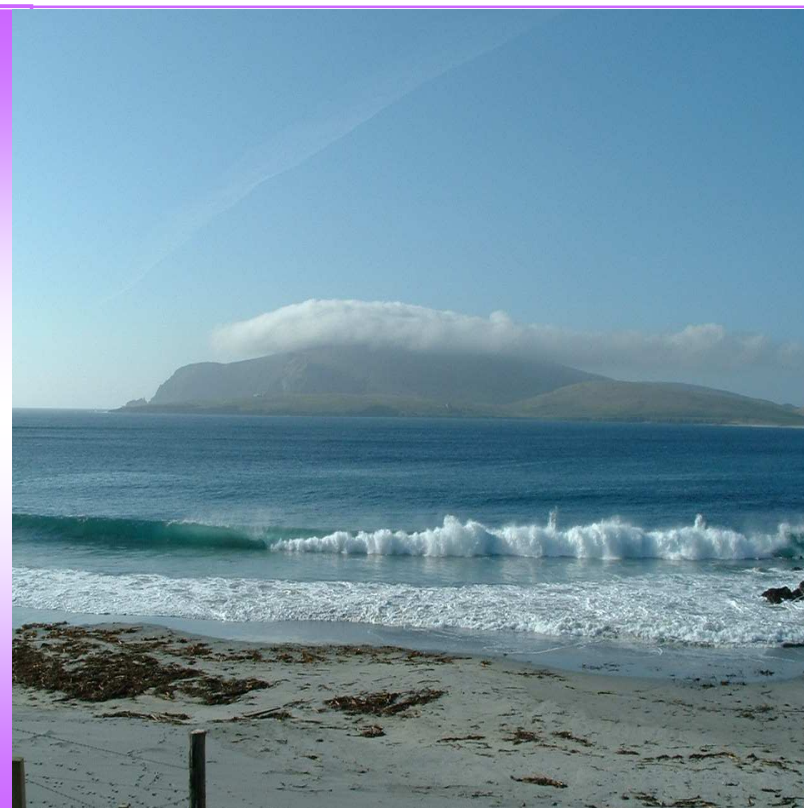
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Introduction

Better Health, Better Care - SGHD 2007 supports a focus on sustainable remote and rural (R&R) services with an integrated approach to service, workforce and educational planning. The Rural General Hospital (RGH) with Extended Primary Care Model has been described elsewhere.

As part of the redesign for R&R practice of existing Specialty Training Programmes, the Rural (Medical) Training Pathways (RTP) Group established 4 work streams to develop RTPs in:

Rural (General) Surgery
Rural Anaesthesia
Rural General Practice (GP), including a hybrid Acute Medicine variant
Rural Physician-ly (General Internal) Medicine



The project outcomes

Each work stream has completed its work, having delivered a rural-track curricular modification for a design or redesign of UK approved specialty training. This is achievable through existing arrangements for UK Specialty Training or as an add-on module for trained Specialists, using a North of Scotland Deanery hosting arrangement.

Rural Surgery – (see companion poster) will recruit to a Fellowship programme (1-2 years) for pre/peri/post-CCT (Certificate of Completion of Training) doctors from a General Surgery background

Rural Anaesthesia – will recruit to a 1 year Fellowship for pre/peri/post-CCT doctors from an Anaesthesia background

Rural GP – the North of Scotland has a bespoke R&R GP Specialty Programme, using a range of R&R training environments across the North of Scotland (see companion poster)

Rural GP with Special Interest (level 2 Acute Medicine competencies) – the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh will be developing standards for (level 2) Acute Medicine training with GP Specialty Training fit for RGH practice. The North of Scotland Deanery will operationalise these arrangements in due course.

Rural Physician-ly (General Internal) Medicine - There are currently 2 trainee doctors in the North of Scotland General (Internal) Medicine Programme following the R&R track to CCT

The future

Recruitment into the Fellowship programmes (Surgery and Anaesthesia) will be linked to partnership with an employing Health Board to allow tailoring of Fellowships to specific trained post needs for the service.

Retention rates for graduates of these programmes into R&R trained doctor posts will be monitored.

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