

June 2022 Newsletter

Hi and welcome to the much delayed April newsletter. It has been a difficult few weeks for many trainees, and many of those who were not directly affected by the SBA error have lost trust in the exams system. It will be a long and difficult road to gain this back and transparency and high-quality communications will be vital. We will continue to advocate for this.

In order for EMTA to best represent trainees, we need to continue hearing your views. You can always use the [TellEMTA button on our website](#) to provide anonymous feedback or email me at emta@rcem.ac.uk to let us know about things as they become apparent. The regional reps network continues to be of great value and I want to thank all the reps for highlighting problems and communicating with their regions. One of the most useful tools for driving change in emergency medicine training over the past decade has been the EMTA survey.

EMTA Conference 2022

This is coming together nicely and the organising committee are doing a great job. Put the 22nd and 23rd of November in your diary and we look forward to seeing you in Blackpool!

Opportunities with EMTA

There are three job adverts currently listed on the RCEM website. Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine Professional Advisory Group, the Curriculum Sub-committee, and a new role as EMTA Social Media Secretary.

The deadline is 1st of July for each application. If you have any questions please let me know.

Hot Food for the NHS Campaign

Previous EMTA surveys showed that access to hot food, especially out of hours, is limited for many EM trainees. Only 5-12% of trainees reported being able to access hot food 24/7 in the last three surveys. Something as simple as this makes a real difference and a recent campaign has shined a light on this.

The campaign is using the hashtag [#24hrhotfoodfortheNHS](#) on Twitter and is being spearheaded by Neely Mozawala (@neelymozawala). Have a look at the [website](#). What is the provision like in your hospital?

GECCo Event

Many EM trainees are interested in global health and GECCo, the Global Emergency Care Collaborative, have grown to help facilitate making these connections. The next

event is in person, in Manchester, from 2-6pm on the 23rd of June. The title for the event “weaving global health into the ED: partners mentors and fellowship” gives you a good idea of what to expect. More details [here](#).

NIHR Emergency Care Incubator Interactive Symposium

The final programme for this on the 23rd-24th June looks really good for those with an interest in research. Please find the programme [here](#). Below is the Symposium’s flyer.

To register [click here](#).

EMTA Fellowship App

The fellowship app continues to go from strength to strength. For those unfamiliar it is a resource that locates fellowship opportunities for emergency medicine trainees.

No install is required—though you do need an email address, simply click below and an option to add it to your home screen will be offered. <https://emta-jobs.glideapp.io/>

FOMOHUB.org

Like the fellowship app this is something that trainees have been requesting for some time. FOMOHUB.org launched on the 30th December 2021 and is an events, training days and conference aggregator for emergency medicine and paediatrics (and other acute specialities in the future).

[Open the page on your phone or computer](#) and you can search for educational events to fit your needs, and if you are organising such an event you can publicise it here as well.

It is really new so if you find any hiccups please let the team know on the link in the top right hand corner of the page.

Undermining in the Emergency Department

Based on an (ongoing) analysis of the free text responses to the previous five EMTA surveys, and in line with [RCEM anti-bullying work](#), we have started to produce some outputs around negative behaviours many of us experience in the emergency department. The first of which is a [RCEM Learning post on bullying which I hope you might find useful](#).

EMTA Survey

The committee is busily working through the results of the survey. A final report is being developed but in the meantime we will share results as they come along.

The EMTA rep to the research committee, Thomas Shanahan, shared some of the results on twitter regarding access to journal clubs. This led to a really interesting discussion which you can find [here](#).

An infographic based on the findings is below which makes for interesting reading. Any comments on it get in touch via the usual channels.

Final word

This is my last newsletter as EMTA chair. It has been a pretty tough role in all honesty not helped by the Zoom fatigue I am not alone in feeling. There have been many challenges and any good work that we have managed has been truly cooperative. Thanks to all the EMTA reps who have given their time and efforts and thanks to all the trainees who have engaged to help try and make EM the best specialty it can be. Hopefully see some of you in Blackpool.

Dan