

THIRD YEAR PLACEMENT VISITS

In the third year, a single placement visit is normally undertaken one third of the way through the placement, with flexibility to meet specific needs. The relevant sections in the Assessment of Clinical Competence (ACC) document on PebblePad should be completed in draft form by the trainee and supervisor. In year long placements aims and objectives should be set for the first half of the placement, i.e. placement 5, in order to determine where trainee's progress would be expected to be at the end of placement 5, as well as at the end of the placement, placement 6. The ACC then forms the basis of discussion at the placement visit. Progress towards meeting these aims is also discussed at this visit.

This procedure makes more efficient use of the Clinical Tutor time in the third year. It also acknowledges the responsibility and ownership that trainees and supervisors have of the content of the placement objectives and placement plan, this responsibility being appropriately developed by trainees, particularly in the third year of their training.

Although a single placement visit will normally take place for third year placements, there may be some circumstances where more than one placement visit is carried out, for example:

- The supervisor or trainee requests further visits.
- The Clinical Tutor, Programme Team or Board of Examiners believes that further visiting is desirable.
- A year-long placement where a further visit would be useful in order to reset aims and objectives or review progress.
- For out-of-region placements or first time supervisors for this Programme, where the supervisor may be less familiar with University of Sheffield procedures.
- Where a change of supervisor occurs partway through the placement.

N.B. For year-long placements, the "Summary of Competences" section of the ACC must be completed on PebblePad to submit to the relevant university Exam Board approximately halfway through the placement (i.e. when placement 5 would normally end) in addition to at the end of the year (i.e. end of placement 6)