

Report from the Third Careers in Medicine Website Steering Group

This meeting took place on 11th November and was run by the Careers Team from KSS Post-Graduate Deanery who are hosting the Website on behalf of the DoH.

There was wide representation from organisations including MEE / DoH, BMA, NHS Employers, UKFPO, NAMEM and NACT.

The website contains practical tools for medical careers planning as well as continuously updated information, using links to appropriate careers sites (eg Royal College Careers pages, Recruitment information, Workforce statistics) as well as Podcasts.

The careers team are working hard to keep the site updated and fit for purpose in addition to increasing its profile, taking part in many roadshows and careers events across the country.

It was acknowledged that this website will never replace careers advisors, but is a fantastic resource for those looking for information. Usage has increased with more than 6000 visits to the website in October 2009.

It is important for DMEs, Foundation Leads and clinical tutors to make themselves familiar with the website and to ensure all educational supervisors are aware of it as a resource for students and trainees at all levels looking for careers information.

Career planning is essential if we are to achieve the balance between the aspirations of individual students / trainees and the needs of the Health Service.