

INFORMATION FOR OXFORD AND BANBURY ST3S ABOUT STUDY LEAVE AND EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE

From now on there will be an educational allowance of £450 pro rata per year for you to put towards courses contributing to your GP training. Further information about this is available on the VTS website -

http://www.oxford-pgmde.co.uk/gp/gp_educators/Studyleave_educallow_feb06.doc

Follow the links for [General Practice / GP Educators / Course Organisers](#) and then click on 'GP Registrar Study Leave and Educational Allowance'

This document is designed to supplement the PGMDE document and help you use your allowance as effectively as possible. The PGMDE document shows the cost of each course. This money is held by the deanery, and released on completion of an application form. It is important that you realise that it is a **contribution** to your study leave budget, and may not cover all the courses that you wish to attend. The application form can be downloaded from the VTS website. Your application form needs to be **signed by both your trainer and a course organiser**.

First priority will be given to courses essential to your basic GP training, followed by courses fulfilling an educational need identified in your PDP. You may choose from courses run in Oxford and Banbury or courses run elsewhere, but NB we have arranged special rates for our registrars for some of the Oxford and Banbury courses and you are unlikely to find an equivalent elsewhere that represents such good value for money. We will not normally approve courses that duplicate or overlap those already provided on the VTS, ie: Introductory Course and MRCGP Course.

As a guide, we would suggest that your budget would be best used for the following courses:

FAMILY PLANNING/STIF

STIF is a 2 day course on sexually transmitted infections. After completing this you will be issued with the level 1 STIF certificate. As well as covering the investigation and management of sexually transmitted infections you will acquire skills in sexual history taking, pre and post test counselling, ethics and decision making.

FAMILY PLANNING is the family planning theory course, which will equip you with the knowledge to help women choose a method of contraception and safely prescribe it. You will also be taught about pregnancy testing, termination of pregnancy, and medicolegal issues around contraception, particularly teenage consent and confidentiality. FP and STIF together form the theory component of the DFFP – only after attending both these courses can you embark on the practical sessions leading to the DFFP certificate. Even if you have done an O&G job, these courses are likely to be of great use to you as they cover just the sorts of things that you will see in general

practice. If you have done a community women's medicine/ O&G job, you may not need these courses - please discuss with your course organiser.

CHILD HEALTH SURVEILLANCE (CHS)

This course covers:

The child development surveillance programme and developmental surveillance skills
Paediatric dermatological problems
Orthopaedic developmental problems
Common surgical problems in childhood
Health Promotion in the Community
Current dilemmas in Immunisation and the immunisation programme
Respiratory problems in children
Common psychological problems in children
Coping with a disabled child
Hearing and speech problems.

All the course content is very relevant to general practice, and not normally covered in sufficient depth in a hospital Paeds job. If you have done a community Paeds job you may not need this course, please discuss with your course organiser.

The cost of this course is £150 for two days. Child protection is not included on this course and will normally be covered by your PCT – please check with your trainer.

MINOR SURGERY

This course is held in the skills lab at Wexham Park. It does not include any practical experience with patients but you will be able to practice on models and animal material. If you have not done any minor surgery before, and you cannot obtain this experience in your own practice, then this course will be useful. If you are already performing simple minor surgery, for example if you have done removal of 'lumps and bumps' in a dermatology job, then this course may not be useful. There is no certificate issued, it is up to your trainer to assess your competence with you.

As a guideline, you are entitled to a minimum of 5 days study leave to allow you to go on these courses. However you should ***negotiate with your trainer about study leave*** in good time in order to minimise the impact on your clinical commitments.