

The Southwest Gastroenterology training programme

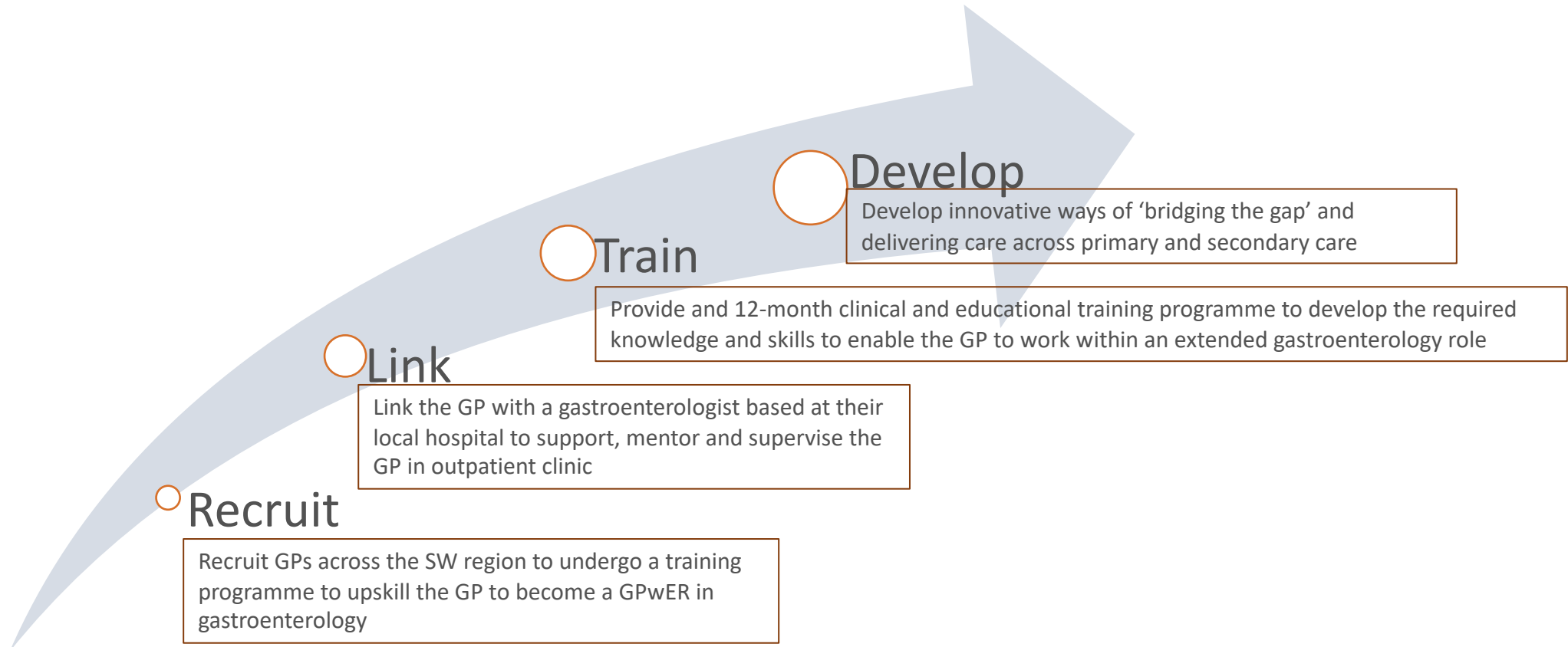
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About this session:

- The aims of the training programme
- The structure
- The assessment process



Aims of the programme

The vision



Create a standardised framework for the development of GPwER in gastroenterology. We are working with the BSG to develop a formalised pathway/framework to support the development of GPwER in gastroenterology based on the SW training programme

Develop a sustainable educational programme to support the clinical aspects of the programme, to allow further GPs to develop an extended role in gastroenterology in the future

Build a network of GPwER in gastroenterology across the region to share best practice, and provide leadership and support within both primary and secondary care

Create innovative community-based roles for the GPwER, looking to improve patient pathways for appropriate patient groups. For example, community diagnostic hubs, community advice and guidance, and GPwER-led community clinics

The training programme



2 aspects to the training



CLINICAL



EDUCATIONAL

The clinical training

- 1 session per week
- Clinical supervision
- 6x CBD
- Record of all patients seen/consulted



Patient ID	Age	Gender	Presentation	Plan	Follow-up?
112345	71	Male	Iron deficient anaemia	CT colonoscopy OGD	2 months

The education programme - aims



- Provide an overview of a range of GI topics
- A 'problem-based approach' to diagnosing/managing common GI conditions
- Provide the knowledge to:
 - Better understand the differential diagnosis of common presentations in gastroenterology
 - Feel more confident in formulating management plans for patients

The educational programme

- **12-month programme**
- **3 modules**
 - Upper GI (April - June 2023)
 - Lower GI (August - November 2023)
 - Hepatobiliary (January - February 2024)
- **A mixture of:**
 - Interactive case studies
 - Short written assignments
 - 'Live' teaching sessions
 - Self-directed learning
- **Protected time to complete a QI project over the 12-month programme**





Module 1 – Upper GI (April to June 2023)

- Dysphagia
- GORD and dyspepsia
- Endoscopy essentials and stomach pathology

Module 2 – Lower GI (August to November 2023)

- Malabsorption and IDA
- Chronic diarrhoea
- Functional lower GI disease
- IBD

Module 3 – HPB (January and February 2024)

- Abnormal LFTs, NAFLD and cirrhosis
- Pancreatic and biliary conditions

Protected time to work
on QI project

QIP
presentation
session



April 2023

April 2024

The Upper GI block – April to June 2023



April 2023 - Dysphagia

May 2023 –
GORD/Dyspepsia

June 2023 – Endoscopy
and stomach pathology

Each month:

- Pre-and post module MCQ
- 2 interactive case studies (the 'virtual clinic')
- 1 written assignment
- 1 Live teaching session
- A module feedback questionnaire

The course components – live teaching



Live teaching 1.30-4.30pm

19th April

Approach to the patient with dysphagia

C Andrews and R Krysztopik (RUH)

10th May

The patient with GORD/dyspepsia

S Nelson and M Burkitt (MFT)

14th June

Endoscopy essentials and stomach pathology

Dr David Graham (UCLH)

Course components – case studies



- Short cases
- Typical presentations in secondary care clinics
- Released on **first Wednesday of every month**
- MCQs to support your learning
- Able to repeat as many times as you like

Course components – written assignment

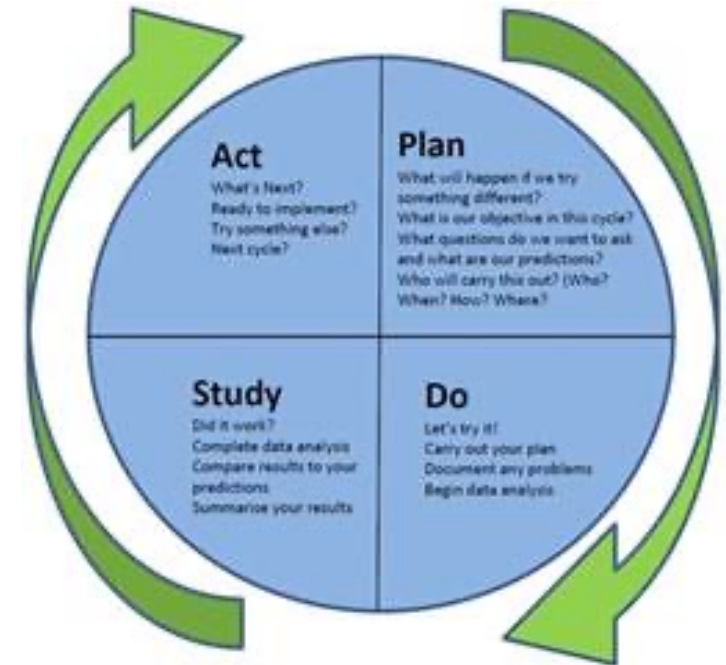


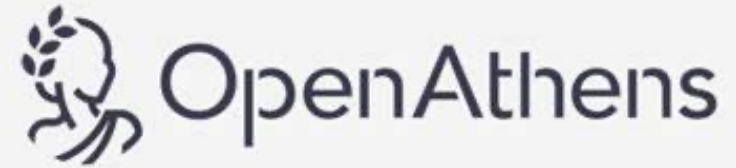
- Short written assignments
- Opportunity to research a topic in greater detail
- Opportunity to practice evidence-based medical writing
- Maximum of 500 words
- To be **completed by the end of the month it is released**
- Grading 1-4 (1= Below average, 4= excellent)
- Use **Harvard-style** referencing, e.g.

Pithadia, A.B. and Jain, S., 2011. Treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). *Pharmacological Reports*, 63(3), pp.629-642.

QI project

- **Service development** – e.g. Potential of a 'FIT negative' GPwER led clinic.
- **Referral optimisation** – review of 'appropriate' primary care tests completed before referral.
- **Primary care education** – development of educational resources for primary care clinicians
- **Patient satisfaction** with being consulted by GPwER
- **Building links between primary and secondary care** - ?





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Completing the programme



Pre- and post-module
MCQs



Completion of all
educational activities



QIP completion



Clinical supervisors end
of year report

Welcome, and I
hope you enjoy the
course!

