

TRAINEE NEWSLETTER

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RAISING CONCERNS

All doctors have a duty to **raise concerns** where they believe that patient safety or care is being compromised. Trainee doctors also have an obligation to raise concerns if they have concerns about their training experience or training environment – see attached “BHSCT 2023 Need to raise concerns” for further information.



At times trainees may themselves require **advice or support on their health and wellbeing** in the working environment – see attached (“Help is at hand 2023”).

NEW 2 NI TRAINEES



We are keen to support our New to NI trainees and would be grateful for your views on what are the best ways to do that going forward. We would be grateful if you could fill in a short survey using

the QR code



We also have a Shared Inbox for trainees who are New to NI to direct any queries to that you may have - email to -

New2NITrainees@belfasttrust.hscni.net



ACCOMMODATION

Please see link below for flexible tenancy lengths being offered by Alma Place.

https://resource.rentcafe.com/image/upload/s3uk/2/82497/a4almaplace_belfasttrust_poster.pdf

SAFE PRECRIBING

The Antimicrobial Team has noted that there have been a few instances of **antimicrobial prescribing not in keeping with BHSCT guidelines**. In addition, there have also been issues with prescribing using calculators not recommended by BHSCT. Could we remind all medical prescribers that all prescribing of antibiotics (especially those requiring therapeutic drug monitoring [TDM]) must be done in accordance with **Microguide, the BHSCT TDM (Therapeutic Drug Monitoring) chart and in using calculators included in Microguide**. Please contact Dr Aaron Brady (Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist) or Leeanne Stewart (Lead Pharmacist for OPAT/AMS) if you have any queries.

For completion of discharge prescriptions; **A full list of medicines should be provided** on the discharge prescription, including those medicines where a supply at discharge is not required. In general, for supply of medicines at discharge - request a supply of any which the patient is short of at home, or medication newly prescribed during hospital stay. See Medicines Code (Pages 51, 54) attached where 28 days supply would not be appropriate. Aim to send the discharge prescription before 11am

MRI REFERRALS

I would recommend an eLFH module for MRI referrers (short module with certificate) for all trainees referring patients for MRI

[MRI Safety - elearning for healthcare \(elfh.org.uk\)](http://elfh.org.uk)

Blood test results: a couple of SAs recently have highlighted the importance of following up on blood tests sent.

BHSCT TRAINEE SURVEY

"Medical Education team have just sent out a survey to approximately half our trainees to get feedback on your clinical and educational supervisors and your training experience. The survey was distributed via Medical Workforce teams to ensure feedback could be collated for each Division. I would be grateful if you all take the time to respond. Thanks"