



To SBNS Memebers

23 August 2017

Dear Colleague,

Re: Exceptional Reporting / New Junior Doctor's contract

The new contract for junior doctors has come into effect for all neurosurgical trainees over the course of this year, and as discussed at the recent SAC and SBNS council meetings, there are concerns amongst trainees and trainers about the impact the new contract may have on neurosurgical training. The new rules on working patterns include strict criteria for shift work and compensatory days off during the working week, which is anticipated to have a deleterious effect on elective operating experience.

As part of the new contract, junior doctors are advised to report any 'exceptions' to their rostered working hours to the hospital appointed 'guardian of safe working hours'.

The SBNS and the BNTA encourage all members to support and trainees to use this reporting system to draw attention to rota gaps affecting service provision and training programmes .

Yours sincerely,

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President SBNS

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Chair of the SAC, Neurosurgery

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