RCEM TSC Advice for Shielding Trainees

RCEM TSC recognises a proportion of trainees in Emergency Medicine are shielding and therefore may not be able to participate in some aspects of ED work, or are completely self-isolating.

There are a number of activities which we would recommend, depending on each individual trainee’s stage of training, which could be considered towards training.

We would recommend

- a pre-absence discussion with your educational supervisor and TPD to plan for your time away from face to face clinical activities
- weekly contact with your CS/ES and a record of your activities maintained on your e-portfolio

Please also see SSTAG (Support Shielding Trainees Advisory Group) Activities and Advice during Shielding guidance produced July 2020, which can be found in the ‘Advice around Trainees and Training’ tile on RCEM website.

The amount of time which will be recognised for shielding will depend on your year of training and a record of evidence of activities completed. Your e-portfolio will be reviewed by the Head of School/TPD when a decision will be made. At present, RCEM TSC and PEMISAC are in discussion and further information will be updated in due course.

Clinical

- Telephone clinics/video conferencing clinics in ED or PED/GP setting
- Acute GP advice line for general paediatrics - PEM sub-speciality trainees
- Occupational health teamwork supporting wellbeing and looking after staff welfare/mentoring
- Missed X-rays/ remote reviewing of results
- Discharging patients off patient tracker system
Management

- Complaints
- Police statements
- DATIX investigations
- Rota planning
- QIP- departmental and national

Teaching

- Guidelines and protocols - updating and writing new/ linking with Trust protocols, committees
- Remote teaching – either delivery or access to local, regional, national sessions

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