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Genetic counselling training in the UK 2016

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MSc Genetic Counselling programmes in the UK until 2016

- Programmes are accredited by the Genetic Counsellor Registration Board (GCRB)
- Students fund themselves
- Cardiff University, Wales
 - 10 students each year
- University of Manchester, England
 - 10 students every two years
- University of Glasgow, Scotland
 - First intake September 2016, 4-8 students

New training scheme in England

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New training scheme in England

Scientist Training Programme in Genomic Counselling

- Health Education England commissions a number of training posts for future NHS staff in a number of disciplines.
- The number of training posts commissioned each year considers the future needs of the NHS workforce.
- By incorporating Genetic Counsellor (GC) training into an established training pathway, the need to train future GCs will be considered alongside other professional groups.

GC training as part of Modernising Scientific Careers

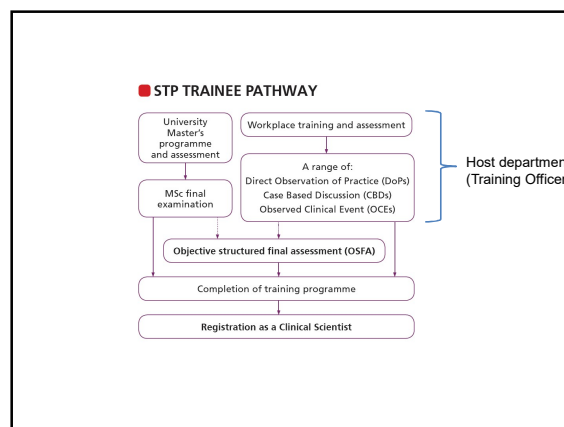
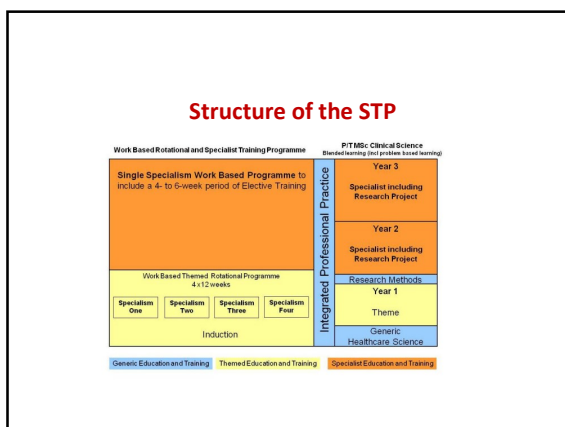
- **Modernising Scientific Careers** provides a framework of training at different levels for over 60 specialisms in Healthcare Science
 - 52,000 Healthcare Scientists in England
 - Many of the specialisms are small in number and provide highly specialist services
- **The Scientist Training Programme (STP)**
 - Three year commissioned graduate training programme
 - Work-based training (based in department)
 - Part-time MSc in Clinical Science

STP in Genomic Sciences

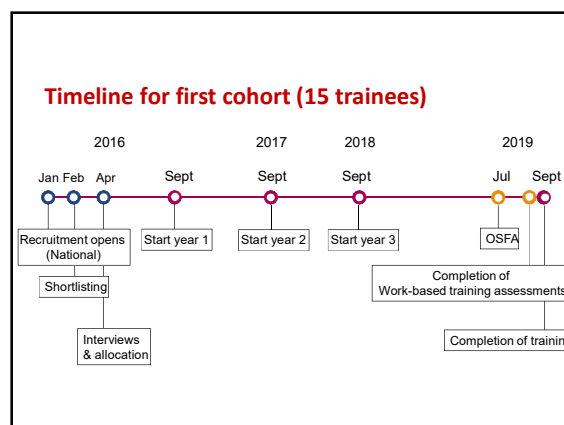
Outcome in Genomic Counselling

- **Frequency:** intake every year (dependent on workforce requirements)
- **Duration:** Three year training programme
- 2016 intake: **15 Genomic Counselling training posts** (this will change each year depending on workforce requirements)
 - **National recruitment process**

Please note these are funded posts for *England* only



- ### Successful completion of training programme
- To successfully complete the STP trainees need to:
 - Pass the MSc in Clinical Science
 - Complete all work-based training assessments
 - Pass the OSFAs
 - Awarded a *Certificate of Completion of the Scientist Training Programme* by the National School of Healthcare Science
 - Eligible to apply to Health and Care Professions Council for registration as a Clinical Scientist



- ### Issues for the future
- Genetic Counsellor registration
 - Health and Care Professions Council for registration as a Clinical Scientist?
 - Genetic Counsellor Registration Board (GCRB) for registration as a genetic counsellor?
 - Or both?
 - Will there be ongoing funding for GC training?
 - Impact of Accredited Registration of the GCRB through the Professional Standards Authority
 - Retirement of experienced GCs

- ### What do UK students do after graduating as genetic counsellors?
- **NHS Regional Genetics Centres in the UK**
 - Genetics roles in specialist NHS clinics eg cardiac, cancer, FH
 - Further education eg PhD
 - Voluntary sector: patient support organisations
 - Private sector/labs
 - Overseas as genetic counsellors

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Thank you for listening

Do you have any questions?

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