FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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How many trainees are accepted per annum?
We have training places for 21 doctors this year with the scheme.
- 12 places in the Tullamore teaching area
- 9 places in the Naas teaching area

How do I get on the Mid Leinster Specialist Training Scheme in G.P.?
Please check on www.icgp.ie as the process is under review nationally.

What preparation should I make?
Applicants are selected on the basis of pre-set criteria that include qualifications, relevant experience and commitment to general practice. Good preparation would include seeing general practice first hand so as to gain as much exposure as possible. Reading of appropriate G.P. material is also useful. This is a national process conducted by the ICGP and will be updated on the ICGP website.

Should I give you a 1st or 2nd preference?
Successful applicants are appointed to the teaching centre on the basis of their ranking following national selection process.

If I have some posts completed before I join the Scheme, do I have to repeat these posts on the scheme?
Yes. The Scheme is a 4 year schedule of sequential experience which does not lend itself to changes.

Does the Mid Leinster Specialist Training Scheme only take SHO’s?
No. Doctors of all experience have been appointed in the past, including Interns, SHO’s and Registrars.

What are my chances of getting on a G.P. scheme?
MID LEINSTER SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAMME
IN GENERAL PRACTICE

There are 21 places this year in the Mid Leinster scheme and approximately 157 places in the 14 schemes nationally.

Why the Midlands / Mid Leinster?
Geographically the Midlands is centrally located and major cities are within easy driving reach. There are no major traffic congestion problems! The range of hospital posts utilized are appropriate to G.P. Training – A&E in Tullamore, Mullingar and Naas hospitals, ENT in Tullamore hospital, Medicine in Tullamore, Mullingar, Portlaoise and Naas Hospitals, Obs & Gynae in Mullingar and Portlaoise Hospitals, Paediatrics in Mullingar, Portlaoise, Ballinasloe and Tallaght hospitals and Psychiatry St. Fintan's Portlaoise, St. Loman's Mullingar and Naas Hospital. The training practices offer a range of experiences, both urban and rural. The trainers are well motivated and use a learner centred approach. The release course is enjoyed by all and learning generally occurs through small group work.

Here is a table of the Trainers and their location.

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| 1. Dr. Antoinette Butler  
Mullingar, Co. Westmeath | Dr. Derry Bergin  
Mountmellick, Co. Laois | Dr. Mairead Cahill  
Earl Street, Co. Longford |
| 2. Dr. Truls Christiansen  
Church Hill, Co. Wicklow | Dr. Barry Boland  
Rathangan, Co. Kildare | Dr. Velma Harkins  
Banagher, Co. Offaly |
| 3. Dr. Brian Dunne  
Kilcullen, Co. Kildare | Dr. Ray Campbell  
Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath | Dr. Adrian Honan  
Portarlington, Co. Laois |
| 4. Dr. Stuart Kenny  
Tandy’s Lane, Lucan, Co. Dublin | Dr. Grainne Clyne  
Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath | Dr. John Madden  
Ballinakill Co. Laois |
| 5. Dr. Eamonn King  
Blanchardstown Dublin 15 | Dr. Kevin Flanagan  
1 Ballinalee Road, Longford | Dr. Brendan Mahon  
Delvin, Co. Westmeath |
| 6. Dr. James Lee  
Lucan Co. Dublin | Dr. Loyola Lowry  
Athlone, Co. Westmeath | Dr. Mark McCormick  
Athlone, Co. Westmeath |
| 7. Dr. Richard Looktong  
Coole, Co. Westmeath | Dr. P.J McAuliffe  
Birr, Co. Offaly | Dr. Anne Mulrooney, Naas, Co. Kildare |
| 8. Dr. David McConaghy  
Sallins, Co. Kildare | Dr. Therese O’ Reilly  
Castlerea, Co. Roscommon | Dr. Maree McGrath  
Athlone, Co. Westmeath |
| 9. Dr. Ancilla McGoldrick  
Co. Kildare | Dr. Ben Parmeter  
Staplestown Rd, Co. Carlow | Dr. James Quinlan  
Tullamore, Co. Offaly |
| 10. Dr. Sean Montague  
Portarlington, Co. Laois | Dr. Bertie Sharkey  
Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford | Dr. Mary Sheehan  
Clonaslee, Co. Laois |
| 11. Dr. Clare O’ Flynn  
Clane Co. Kildare | Dr. D. Collins, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare | Dr. Pat Cullen, Coole, Co. Westmeath |
| 12. Dr. Eoin Ruane  
Mullingar, Co. Westmeath | Dr. M. Haverty, Tullamore | Dr. Brendan Lee, Tullamore |
| 13. Dr. A.J Reeves  
Athy, Co. Kildare | | |
| 14. Dr. Aisling O’Carroll,  
Athy, Co. Kildare | Dr. Patrick O’Meara, Athlone, Co. Westmeath | |
<p>| 15. Dr. Clement McCrory, | | |</p>
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