

## **On application to the 2012 SHO Matching Scheme, candidates agree to the following:**

### **1. Accepting and rejecting offers**

#### **1a. If a candidate accepts an offer:**

- The candidate is confirming that they are available to enter the rotation programme on the specified start date (9 July 2012), unless otherwise agreed with the programme director and Associate Dean of Basic Specialist Training.
- The candidate cannot accept a place on another rotation programme in the same specialty (general internal medicine, paediatrics, etc).
- If the candidate subsequently accepts an offer of a rotation programme in the same specialty, he/she will not be allowed to register on the BST programme for a period of 12 months, starting from the six-month entry point applicable to their original offer.
- Candidates who are matched to a SHO Rotation Programme are required to fulfil their commitment to that rotation programme for the duration specified (one or two years).

#### **1b. If a candidate wishes to withdraw their acceptance of an offer:**

- If a candidate who previously accepted an offer wishes to withdraw their acceptance, they must do so in writing to the BST office immediately, and at least 21 working days before the specified start date.
- Emailed and faxed notifications will be accepted.
- The candidate must also notify the relevant hospital in accordance with their contract of employment.

### **2. Current BST trainees who are matched to two-year programmes**

If a candidate who has 12 months of BST credit is placed on a two-year rotation programme as part of the SHO Matching Scheme, he/she has two options:

1. The candidate can agree with the programme director to only complete the first year of the rotation programme. In this case:
  - The candidate must contact the programme director as soon as he/she accepts their place on the rotation, to see if completing just one year is possible
  - The combination of the candidate's previous experience and the first year of their new rotation must meet the clinical requirements for BST certification
2. In certain circumstances, and subject to prior agreement with the programme director, the candidate can complete the full two-year programme, even though their BST completion date will be one year earlier than their rotation completion date.

### **3. Occupational Health Assessments**

- All candidates understand their application may be subject to an occupational health assessment.

### **4. Deferring a place**

- If a candidate accepts a place on a rotation programme and is granted a deferral, their place will be held until the following year. They may not re-apply through the matching scheme the following year but will automatically take up their deferred place. Deferrals are negotiated with the programme director.