

# Newsletter 10/10



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## Teaching Tip from Harriet Lupton GP Teacher Malago Surgery, Bedminster, Bristol Year 4 - keeping track of 'competencies' and being a referee for your students

I teach COMP2 students in their 4<sup>th</sup> year of Medical Studies. They have to become competent in 32 skills before they qualify. In General Practice I can help them practice several of them and sign them off as competent. After a year or more these students might ask us for a reference! To have something concrete to offer in the way of evidence I now keep a folder on each of them. I have a Word document I call "diary" in which I note what has been covered.

I have copied the list of 32 skills from "Tomorrows Doctors" (the GMC publication), as a template. Each student folder will have this list. By adding another column I can check off what skills they have been taught and deemed competent in.

You can find the 32 competencies/practical procedures on page 77 of the GMC booklet 'Tomorrow's Doctor' available at [http://www.gmc-uk.org/static/documents/content/TomorrowsDoctors\\_2009.pdf](http://www.gmc-uk.org/static/documents/content/TomorrowsDoctors_2009.pdf)

## 'Schoolification' of Bristol Medical School

As part of a wider reorganisation of the University, the medical school has been reorganised from five departments into three 'schools'. The Academic Unit of Primary Health Care is now part of the School of Social and Community Medicine. This will mean that the Unit will soon be moving to Canynge Hall, next to Clifton Down Station. The new School brings together academics from a broad range of community based subjects including primary care, psychiatry, community paediatrics, public health and the Children of the 90s project. The new school should enhance academic collaboration across disciplinary boundaries.

After 16 very successful years building up the Unit into one of the most successful departments of Primary Health Care in the country, Prof Debbie Sharp has handed over the reins to Prof Chris Salisbury as Head of Primary Care in Bristol. Debbie will however continue to be actively involved, and in particular will continue as head of clinical academic training for junior doctors across all clinical specialities, including general practice. We're sure that all those involved in teaching primary care in and around Bristol will recognise and want to thank Debbie for her huge contribution, and will wish Chris good luck in leading the continued success of the Unit.

## For GP Teachers and GPs in the Bristol North Academy

### Invite to an informal teaching evening (free)

**Frenchay Hospital Postgraduate Centre  
17<sup>th</sup> November 6.30-8pm(ish)**

All Bristol North GPs teaching medical students in this academic year and Bristol North GPs wanting to find out more about starting to teach medical students in their practice are welcome

**The main focus of the evening will be on the new Year 5 teaching.**

We are still looking for more GPs to teach 5<sup>th</sup> year students after Christmas. It will also be a good opportunity to meet other GP teachers and to discuss any teaching issues and queries.

### The Programme

6.30pm	<b>Hot food</b> (Food will be available throughout the evening)
7.00-7.30pm	Teaching info, queries and Q&A
7.30pm	The new Year 5 teaching

**Booking essential, deadline noon on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

To book your place, please email [rosalind.shoebridge@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:rosalind.shoebridge@nbt.nhs.uk)

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