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## Teaching Newsletter

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### Vertical themes — Whole Person Care

Whole Person Care has been running for over ten years. It is part of the Human Basis of Medicine unit which students study in their first year, and is one of the six 'Vertical themes' within the medical programme which are integral to studies throughout the Medicine degree.



The course takes place over 5 weeks and comprises lectures followed by tutorials. The 20 tutorial groups are taken by mainly external colleagues, most of whom have a GP background. The unit features a play, performed by senior students for the junior students, and covers topics such as therapeutic consultation, the placebo effect, Mind-Body Medicine and Integrative Medicine. One of the highlights for students is the opportunity to meet Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) practitioners and one of their patients, who come to talk about the treatment offered and how the patient has benefitted from it. Students can also choose WPC as an SSC (student selected component). The student reflections and creative pieces from this SSC and the GP attachments in Year 1 are here <http://www.outofourheads.net/oooh/handler.php?p=homepage>. Amazing pieces! If you are interested to help with this course or would like more information contact [trevor.thompson@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:trevor.thompson@bristol.ac.uk)

### Looking for a Balint group?

There is an opportunity for GPs close to qualifying or just qualified and GPs with up to around 10 years experience to join a Balint group. The next meeting will be on 3.3.15 at 8 pm. Further meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month. The group will be run by Dr Judy Malone who is an experienced psychotherapist and Balint leader and will take place in Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8JW. If you are interested please call Judy on 07906 479564.



### Don't forget to book **THE DINNER** of the year

**Severn Faculty RCGP Gala Dinner Friday 12 June 2015**  
Clifton Pavilion at Bristol Zoo Gardens, College Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3HH  
**Dr. Sarah Wollaston 'Politics and Health: A GP in Westminster'**

Sarah did her GP training in Bristol and worked as a GP in Devon for many years. She is currently the MP for Totnes and chairs the Health Select Committee.

Your ticket includes a free viewing of Bristol Zoo outdoor enclosures and gardens from 18:00-19:30 followed by a Reception drink and Three Course Dinner from 19:30. A good opportunity to meet other GPs. Why not book a table for your practice? More information and booking details at [www.rcgp.org.uk/professional-development/wales-and-south-west-england/severn-faculty/severn-faculty-rcgp-gala-dinner-2015.aspx](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/professional-development/wales-and-south-west-england/severn-faculty/severn-faculty-rcgp-gala-dinner-2015.aspx)



### Observing the MDEMO clinical exam



Some of you will have been teaching on the MDEMO Unit in year 3. This Unit includes musculoskeletal medicine, emergency medicine and ophthalmology. All tutors, teachers and potential examiners are very welcome to observe the MDEMO clinical assessment for a couple of hours to find out exactly what happens. If you would like to do this please contact Anne Currie on [Anne.Currie@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:Anne.Currie@bristol.ac.uk)

You would learn how this Unit is being assessed and it may help you to gauge your Year 3 teaching better. You could log this as CPD in your portfolio.