

Advanced Colonoscopy Advanced Training Skills Module

Eligibility Criteria

This document provides information about the eligibility criteria for individuals interested in undertaking the Advanced Colonoscopy Advanced Training Skills Module (ATSM).

ATSM posts: Are essential to the sustainability and growth of the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP), with posts positioned in the areas where they are needed most. We are seeking expressions of interest from individuals who are committed to the BCSP.

Eligibility

- Post-ST6 trainees with Joint Advisory Group (JAG) accreditation in basic colonoscopy (or nearing certification).
- Suitably motivated colorectal surgical trainees (post-ST6) who have an intention to dedicate time to bowel cancer screening and who have achieved JAG accreditation in basic colonoscopy (or nearing certification).
- Whilst this is primarily open to Higher Specialist Trainees (HST), Non-Training Grades, and Post CCT (Certification of Completion of Training) applicants will also be considered.
- ST5 trainees may be considered if they have completed basic colonoscopy training, or are likely to complete their training by the start of the ATSM.
- A broader demographic of applicants will be promoted, aiming to tackle current gender disparities in Bowel Cancer Screeners.

Duration: ATSM training and upskilling will begin in September 2025 and last for 12 months (or pro-rata for those less than full-time).

Procedure numbers: Individuals will aim for sufficient numbers of lifetime procedures and be achieving key performance indicators as set by the BCSP. Job plans will facilitate achieving this through a minimum of 4-5 colonoscopy lists per week, with a mix of training and independent lists.

The ATSM may be designed to include activity in two BCSP centres within the region, to allow BCSP trainees (and their future colleagues) to get to know each other and improve prospects for longer-term workforce solutions.

For HST Trainees the ATSM will be undertaken as Out of Programme Experience (OOPE): Documentation of competency progression with appropriate e-portfolio evidence will allow Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) panels to consider the evidence and adjust the final CCT date to reflect the skills gained.

Open date: Monday 27th January 2025 (12pm)

Closing date: Monday 10th February 2025 (5pm)

Expression of Interest form: <https://forms.office.com/e/TYiB4M9FgJ>