

# International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD)

NHS Employing Unit  
(NHSEU) Brochure





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## Welcome

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It gives me great pleasure to introduce the College's International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD) Programme.

## What is IPD?

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The primary function of the International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD) is to facilitate training opportunities for surgeons in the ten surgical specialities.

We are looking to support higher level surgical trainees to undertake temporary training placements in the UK; to quality assure their training; to offer mentorship and support; and of course, to evidence training achievements.

We are proud to award our successful trainees with the College's MIPDEd (Membership of the International Postgraduate Deanery).

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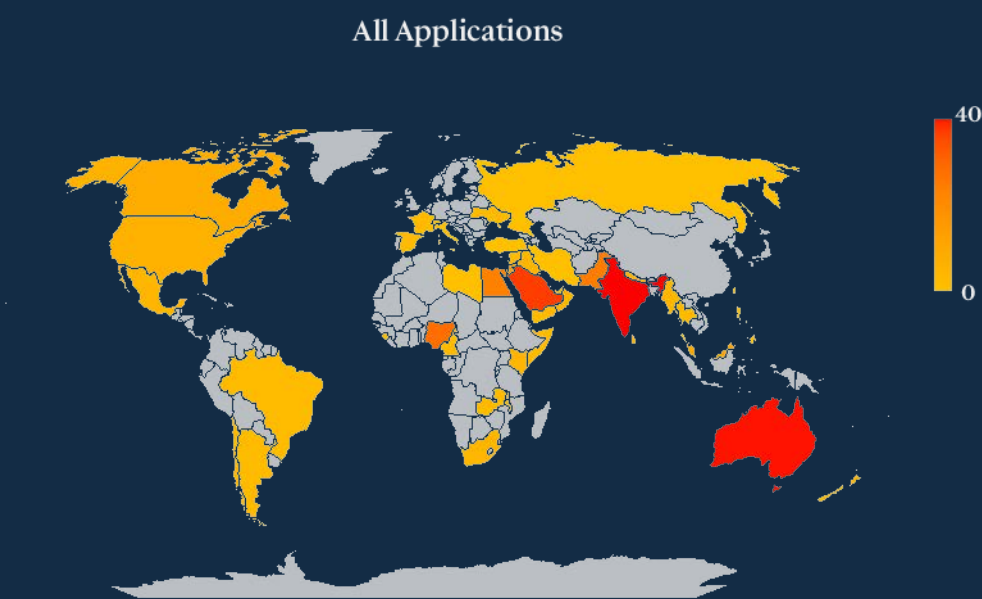
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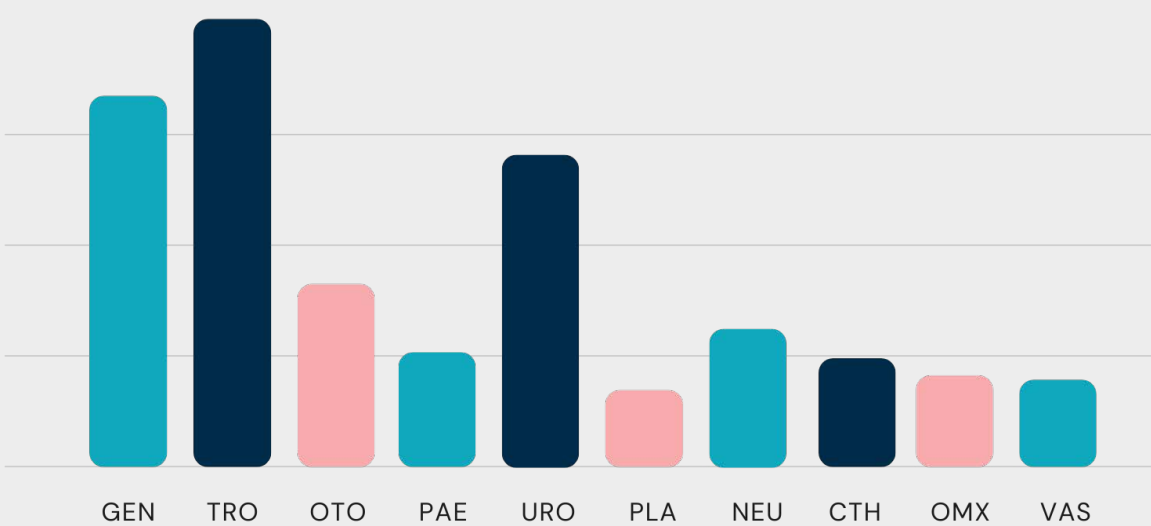
# Facts and Figures

- We have been providing UK training to IMGs for over 30 years
- More than 1500 IMGs trained
- 855 trainees have started their training with the IPD since 2019
- Between 100 and 140 trainees start in post each year across all surgical specialties

## IPD Applications by Country Heat Map



TRAINEE STARTS BY SPECIALTY



- Vast majority of trainees specialise in General Surgery and Trauma and Orthopaedics
- A significant number of posts are also in Urology



## Who is it for?

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The IPD is open to all UK NHS Employment Units (NHS EU) to help offer training placements to international surgical graduates.

The IPD team will help support, GMC registration, IPD Quality Assurance (QA) of UK Training and Government Authorised Exchange Visa CoS if required.

### IPD Pathways

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**International Doctors can join IPD via three routes:**

**1. Doctors who have secured a post**

This is the most popular route, doctors will be supported to secure GMC registration and full quality assurance of UK training provided.

**2. Doctors seeking a post**

Doctors who have yet to secure a UK post can apply for an Intention to Sponsor Letter. Provisional eligibility checks are undertaken and a letter enables doctors to apply for NHS posts which require GMC registration.

**3. Doctors seeking training support**

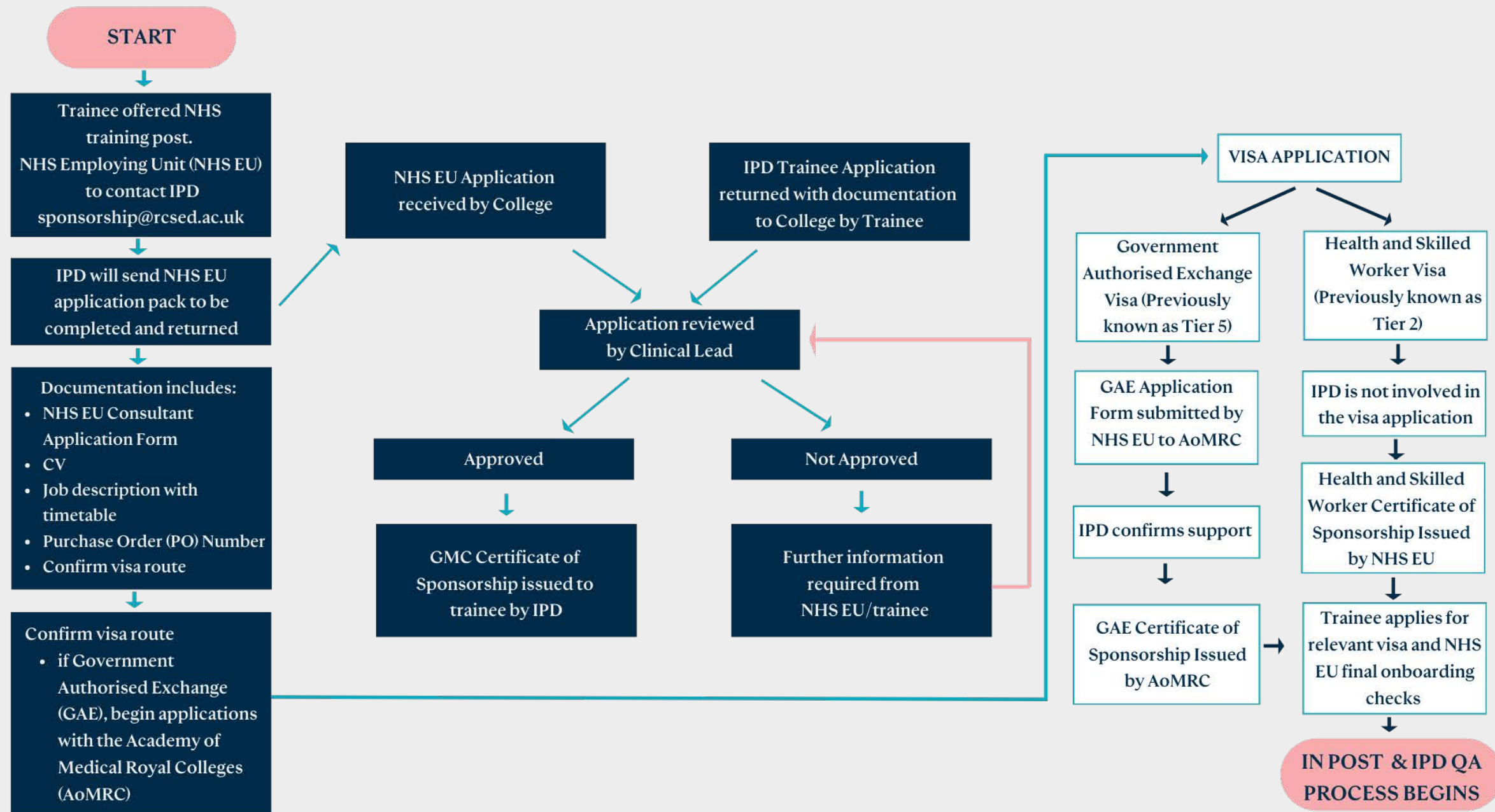
This route is open to doctors who have reached the UK via a third party, are in an NHS training post and would like to have their training accredited.



# Processes

What we need from the Trusts:

The IPD team would be happy to set up a Microsoft Teams call with you and your team to provide an overview of the process. Once you are ready to proceed, we will ask you to provide an NHS EU Application Form, CV, Job Description and PO Number.





# Quality Assurance

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In line with our International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD) regulations, international medical graduates need to complete a few tasks that we require for our records in order to quality assure their training. Successful completion of training entitles international medical graduates to an IPD Completion Certificate and Diploma as well as use of the postnominals MIPDEd.

## Induction

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The International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD) team are based in both Birmingham and Edinburgh. The team delivers two inductions each year to welcome international medical graduates from around the world who come to work and train in the NHS and develop their surgical skills and competencies. This two-day event is designed to ensure they make the most of their time in the NHS, and to provide them with the non-technical skills required to ensure they can hit the ground running.

Working diligently behind the scenes, the IPD team brings this event to life - liaising with clinicians and high-demand speakers and managing every unexpected twist along the way. It's not only the team's highlight of the year but also a key moment for trusts to invest in their trainees by ensuring they have the dedicated time to participate.



## Testimonials

*"We highly appreciate your assistance with the process you have been extremely helpful."*

RM, Medical Workforce Manager

*"Incredibly helpful as always."*

AC, Consultant

*"I cannot thank you enough for all your timely help and the kindness with which you helped."*

Dr, NS Trainee

*"I just wanted to let you know that I completed my Fellowship post in the UK.  
I would not have been able to do this without all your support last year, with all the problems I was facing with the registration system. Just wanted to thank you once again for your amazing work."*

MP, Trainee

*"As always thanks again to you and your team for supporting the education of international neurosurgeons at GOSH – it really brings benefits to the trainee, the Trust/NHS and to their home country with the knowledge and skills that they have acquired."*

GJ, Consultant

# Contact Us

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For further information about the International Postgraduate Deanery, please contact [sponsorship@rcsed.ac.uk](mailto:sponsorship@rcsed.ac.uk)

Or visit the IPD website [here](#).