

Accreditation in Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition is obtained as follows:-

The accreditation is entitled :-
CCST/CCT in general paediatrics with sub-specialisation in Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition.

The training programme consists of a core programme consisting of:-

- 6 months of Gastroenterology and 6 months of Hepatology.
- 24 months in either Hepatology or Gastroenterology.
- 12 months research in either specialty may be substituted for 12 months clinical training.

Subsequent accreditation of clinical training during research years is as follows:-

If additional time (ie more than 12 months) is spent in research, trainees may count part of their research time towards their clinical training if they spend at least 20% of their time in clinical activities as indicated below:

- 1) The clinical time must have a clear educational objective related to the training programme in paediatric gastroenterology, i.e. an endoscopy list or other GI/hepatology/nutrition investigations session, and outpatient clinic or a grand round. On call duties are not counted towards training
- 2) At least two sessions per week should be spent on supervised daytime clinical duties; any less a period would not allow any realistic clinical training. Evidence of satisfactory formal assessment (RITA) of clinical training will be required
- 3) No double counting of time spent in a research post will be allowed. If a candidate spends two sessions per week on clinical work with the balance of the time spent on research then the year would count as 20% clinical training and 80% research, similarly if 5 sessions per week were spent on clinical work and the remainder on research the year would count as 50% clinical training and six months would be approved as time counting towards a CCST
- 4) The arrangement to count clinical training time during a period of research must be approved prospectively by the Postgraduate Dean and the CSAC in paediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition for the Royal College of Paediatric Child Health
- 5) Trainees appointed to research posts are advised that they should obtain written prospective approval from the Regional Advisor of the proportion that will be creditable for clinical training.