



Core Surgical Interview Preparation Course



Feedback - January 2018

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This one-day, intensive course was aimed at Foundation Year and Non-Training Grade Doctors (at Foundation Year/Core Training level) who will apply to the Core Surgical Training Programme Interviews. It was intended to guide attendees through the interview process, as well as provide invaluable knowledge and tips. The high faculty-to-candidate ratio and the focus on personalised feedback allowed the course to be of great benefit to the attendees.

The day consisted of a series of lectures, mock interviews, and workshops. The workshops offered attendees an insight into presenting a strong portfolio and enhancing management skills. There were also a number of clinical stations and a feedback session.

This course was heavily subsidised and, as such, candidates were able to attend at no cost. Feedback from previous attendees suggests that this course is highly beneficial, with the majority of candidates attaining their first Priority Job following interview.

Course Information

Course date:	6th January 2018
Venue:	The Royal London Hospital, E1 1BB, London
Attendance:	15 Delegates
Aimed at:	Foundation Trainees, Non-Training Grade Doctors (FY/CT level)
Course fee:	Free



Course Programme

0900 - 0930 Introduction and Welcome; Mentors Assignment; Division of Candidates into Two Main Groups

0930 - 1100 Group 1: Candidates will be divided further and rotate through the following stations:

1. Portfolio Station – General Guidance on Portfolio Presentation and Review of Sample Portfolios (30mins)
2. Guidance on Management Station (30 mins)
3. Guidance on Clinical Station (30 mins)

Group 2: Mock Interview

1100 - 1130 Feedback to Candidates

1130 - 1300 Group 1: Mock Interview

Group 2: Candidates will be divided further and rotate through the following stations:

1. Portfolio Station – General Guidance on Portfolio Presentation and Review of Sample Portfolios (30mins)
2. Guidance on Management Station (30 mins)
3. Guidance on Clinical Station (30 mins)

1330 - 1430

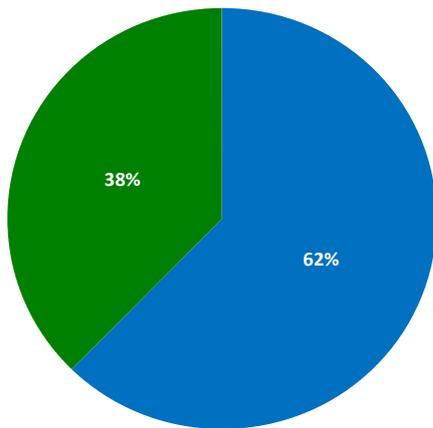
Lunch

1430 - 1700 Round 2 for All Candidates; General Advice from Faculty

1700 - 1730 Feedback and Close

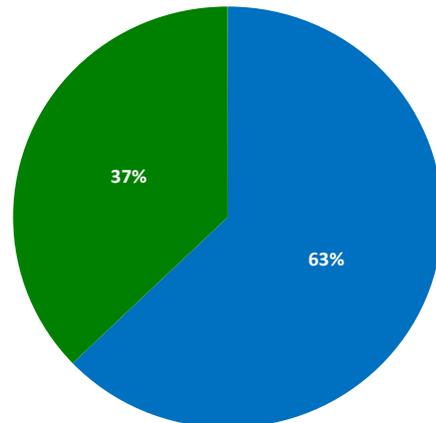
Overall Course Feedback

How was the content of the course?



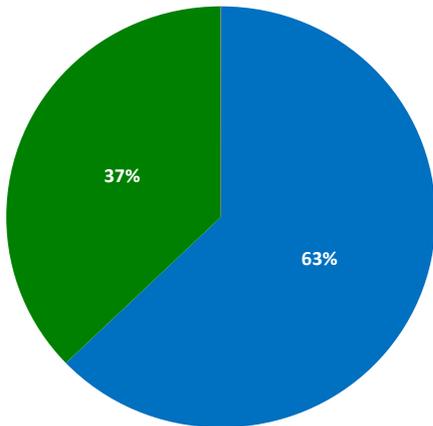
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How was the clarity of the information provided?



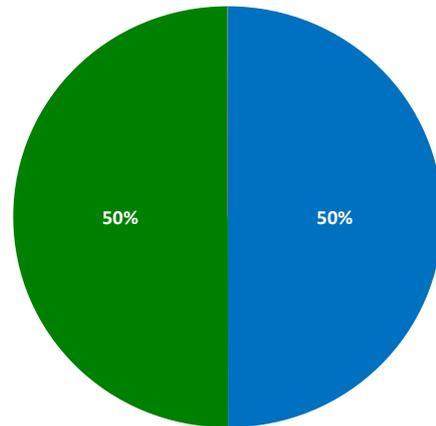
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How would you rate the general academic standard of the tutors?



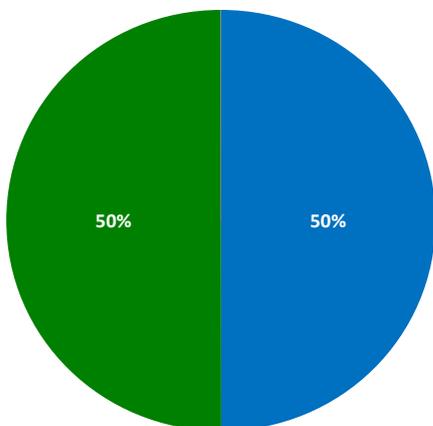
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Did you get sufficient time to practice in every station?



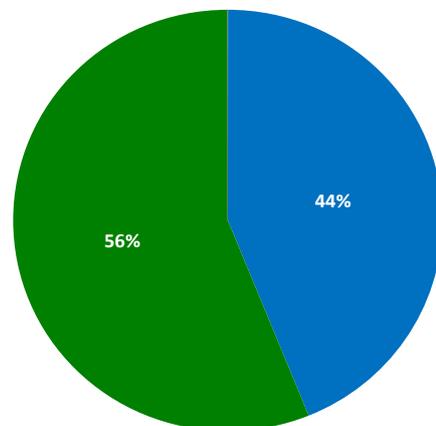
■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Neutral ■ Not much ■ Not at all

Portfolio Station



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Neutral ■ Fair ■ Poor

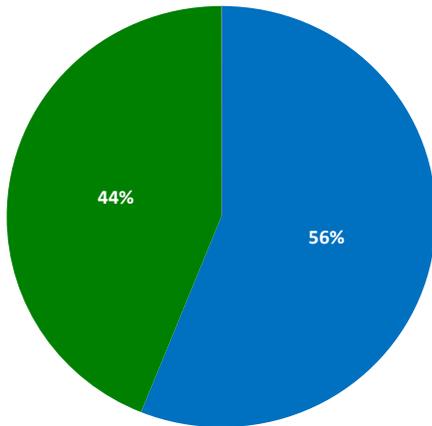
Guidance on Management Station



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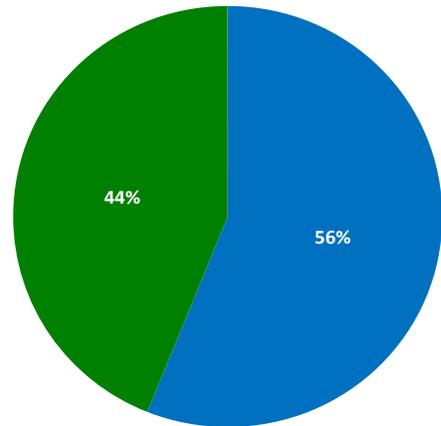
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Guidance on Clinical Station



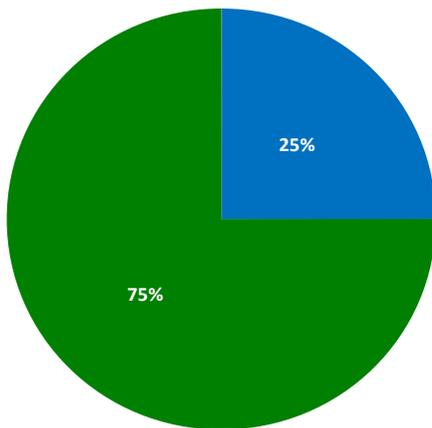
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Mock Interview



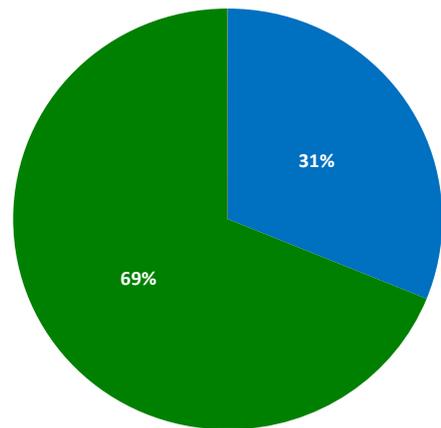
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Feedback to Candidates



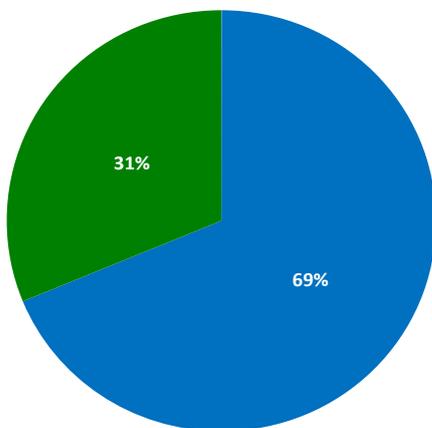
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General Advice from Faculty



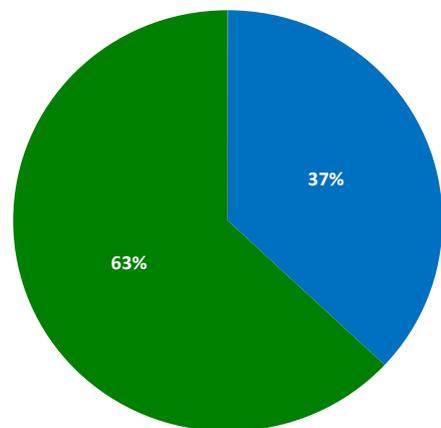
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How were the facilities and venue?



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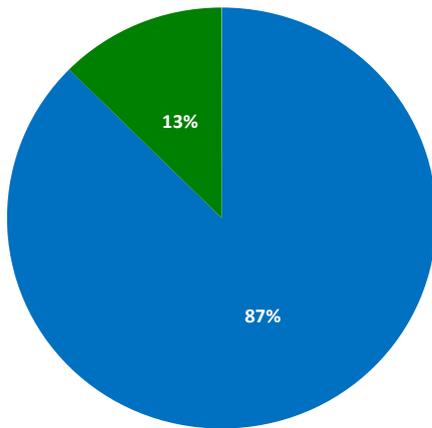
How were the refreshments and lunch?



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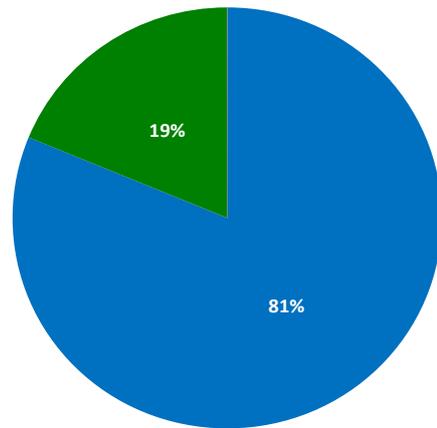
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How was the general friendliness of the faculty and organisers?



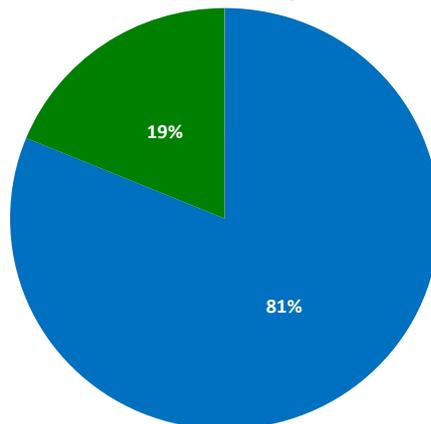
■ Very friendly ■ Friendly ■ Neutral
■ Not very friendly ■ Can't comment

Would you recommend this course to a friend?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Do you think that this course provided good value for money?



■ Most certainly ■ Certainly ■ Probably ■ Unlikely ■ Not at all

Individual Comments

Really good overall.

MI

Very helpful course for interview, productive day and excellent faculty .

CF

Very informative Well run course with a good mix of all the stations Friendly teachers - I felt like I could ask anything without feeling embarrassed.

AR

Royal Bolton Hospital, Bolton

Very good.

RV

Royal Free Hospital, London

For a free course, this was certainly wonderful and important to attend.

LB

Charing Cross Hospital, London

Very useful, good to have it a few weeks before so there is still time to work on weaknesses.

TA

Sandwell General Hospital, West Bromwich

Great approach, lots of time given to really get into the structure of the interview. Thanks.

JA

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

Excellent in all aspects and great feedback.

MH

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London

Excellent course, excellent faculty. Thank you for making the course free and not charging extortionate prices for teaching us.

SK

Poole Hospital, Poole

Individual Comments

Well organised. Tutors knowledgeable about current CST process. Great to have opportunity to do mock interviews twice. Not too many delegates so able to get opportunity to talk and discuss with tutors.

KK

Lister Hospital, Stevenage

Informative and good opportunity to practice the interview. Useful information from the teaching sessions at the beginning.

MC

University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke on Trent



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