



## **UK Fellowship Questionnaire**

Did the Fellowship fulfil the BOFAS criteria Yes  No

A good quality F&A Fellowship should provide a balance between surgical practice in theatre and of decision-making in outpatients, with at least two clinics and at least three theatre sessions per week. There should be a regular multi-disciplinary team meeting, study leave with both protected time and a budget, a paid session for research or audit and a clear mechanism for feedback.

**Please answer these questions in the free text box below.**

1. Which Year? 2020-2021
2. What was the annualised total number in your log book? (ie if 6/12 then double)  
200
3. What was the % of cases that you were the lead surgeon for most of the procedure? 45%
4. How many academic publications are you highly likely to submit from your Fellowship (be honest)? 4
5. What were the highlights?

COVID restrictions severely hampered overall operating experience with reduction in overall operating numbers and opportunities.

First quarter of 2020 did give good elective operating opportunities and independent lists were given. A wide range of consultant colleagues with flexible schedules meant that potential remains for increasing case numbers significantly.

A good mix of newly appointed consultants, established consultants and senior consultants meant a wide variety of experience, advice and training.

Pro-active colleagues who went above and beyond to provide operating opportunities both in the NHS and independent sector, especially during COVID restrictions.

Excellent MDT approach (weekly) where you could bring cases for discussion in an open and friendly manner- this really engaged me to feel part of the team, and an opportunity to learn from others.

Further opportunities exist to gain access to foot and ankle trauma lists at nearby MTC and also independent satellite clinics -which have been set up with remote consultant oversight.

A rapidly expanding department with plenty of opportunities to improve CV for consultant-post applications, including multiple research and publication opportunities, teaching T&O registrars and junior doctors, administrative and managerial duties (rota design and co-ordination, service improvement).

The department is a high-volume ankle arthroplasty unit, so this helped gain vital exposure to primary



and also revision arthroplasty.

Overall, a very friendly and approachable team at all levels, with a genuine desire to help and improve. Once COVID operating restrictions are lifted, this fellowship will provide all the necessary experience for a newly appointed foot and ankle surgeon.

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