



UK Fellowship Questionnaire – The Wirral

Fellow: Mark Blomfield

Did the Fellowship fulfil the BOFAS criteria Yes

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? August 2018- July 2019

2. What was the annualised total number in your log book? (ie if 6/12 then double)

Only been in post for 2 months – current estimated total cases 450

3. What was the % of cases that you were the lead surgeon for most of the procedure?

Approximately 50% over the first 2 months however now independent lists also running this will increase (I would estimate 70%)

4. How many academic publications are you highly likely to submit from your Fellowship (be honest)?

Publications – 1

Conference presentations – 2 (poster or podium)

5. What were the highlights?



British Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society

Well organised and established fellowship in a very well run unit. Well supported by orthotics, physio and ANP support for all clinics and theatre sessions. Regular supervised new and follow up clinics along with independent clinics. Regular independent operating lists with the opportunity to pick up extra lists when consultant colleagues on leave. This is enabling be to run an independent practice with consultant overwatch and advice when needed / requested. Good case mix of hind/mid and forefoot pathology including deformity correction. Exposure to diabetic foot practice as part of the monthly MDT.

There is regular trauma work with a weekly fracture clinic and weekly trauma list. This was predominantly foot and ankle trauma but all general trauma performed if there wasn't any pending foot and ankle cases.

There is no formal on-call commitments but there are locum opportunities to cover the on-call if desired.

The fellowship provides training in the clinical side of the job but also advice and help on the non clinical side ie. Organising clinics and list planning, private practice etc.

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