UK Fellowship Questionnaire

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?

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

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

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

5. What were the highlights?

1. 2018/2019 (12 months)

2. 412

3. 55-60%

4. 3-5

5. I am now 10 months into this fellowship. It is an excellent opportunity for anyone how is interested in pursuing a career in foot and ankle. This centre is highly specialized in complex foot and ankle problems and a major tertiary referral centre. There is great care for the fellow to train in developing his surgical skills, decision making and access for research. This is facilitated by a fully developed gait lab with vicon and direct affiliation with Newcastle university. There is a specified slot for teaching every week for the fellow. MDT is done on a weekly basis which helps in developing the fellow’s management and problem solving skills, the 2 lead consultants are very helpful and supportive in the fellow’s development and progress, the fellow’s is entitled to study and annual leave to attend conferences and courses. The department is one big family of consultants, trainees, physiotherapist and orthotics, where everyone is friendly and supportive.

All of which leads to fully qualified foot and ankle trained surgeon who is fully capable of working as a foot and ankle consultant afterwards. I highly recommend this fellowship.
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