

# **The London Regional Cytology Training Centre**

**Annual Report 2024/25**  
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**London Regional Cytology Training Centre**

**World class training for cancer screening healthcare professionals**

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## 1. Circulation List

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## 2. Staff List

LRCTC staff member	Position
Dr Tanya Levine	LRCTC Director and Consultant Histopathologist
Mr Mark Terry	LRCTC Manager and Senior Tutor
Mr. John McGloin	LRCTC Deputy Manager and Senior Tutor
Dr Gillian Williams	LRCTC Senior Tutor – Consultant Histopathologist
Ms Mary Madigan	LRCTC Administrator

### Staffing

All staff have permanent contracts covering their time with the LRCTC.

Other Education Providers: External Lecturers	
<b>Dr Ashish Chandra</b> Histo/cytopathologist  <b>Dr Padma Menon</b> Histo/cytopathologist  <b>Dr Martina Munonyara</b> Histo/cytopathologist	<b>Dr Miguel Perez-Machado</b> Histo/cytopathologist  <b>Dr Maria Buttice</b> Histo/cytopathologist
<b>Jacqui Hodgson</b> Practice Nurse Educator / Clinical Trainer	<b>Valerie McMunn</b> Senior Nurse Educator & Clinical Advisor

### 3. Executive Summary

The LRCTC ran a full and varied training calendar in 2024/25.

Compared to the previous year student numbers were down slightly in line with a reduction in the number of courses offered:

**590** candidates in 2024/25 compared with 627 in 2023/24, attending **37** courses & study sessions (41 courses in 2023/24)

There continues to be a demand for training in all areas and these were successfully met by flexibility in course delivery.

Courses continued to be delivered both face to face and on-line utilising MS Teams with some blended learning courses utilising a combination of both methods. On-line teaching included live discussion of cases, utilising CellSens software to facilitate visualisation of slides.

#### Course Details 2024/25

**37** formal courses were run during 2024/2025 (41 courses in 2023/24)

- 3 Cytoscreener/BMS pre-registration courses
  - 6 Cytoscreener/BMS post-registration course
  - 3 BMS non-gynaecological courses
  - 2 Assessor training session
  - 16 Medical courses
    - 1 Pathologist/AP update courses
    - 2 Pathologist non-gynaecological courses
    - 4 ST1 courses
    - 2 ST2 courses
    - In addition, there were 8 ST1/2/3 study sessions
  - 4 Sample taker initial training courses
  - 2 Sample taker assessor and mentor update courses
  - 2 Colposcopy courses
- A total of **590** persons attended courses in 2024/25. **490** candidates (83%) were from the London region

- The evaluation scores (ranging from 1 to 5) for all courses, derived from anonymous student feedback, ranged from **4.13** to **5.0**.

**100%** of all feedback scored in the highest tier category: “highly relevant” for working practice.

#### **4. Course Programmes: Biomedical Scientists, Cytoscreeners and MLA’s**

##### **i. Pre-Registration**

The **Introductory Course** ran as two blocks: 3-14 June, & 8-19 July 2024

**2** students attended from Ashford St Peter’s Hospital – outside of the London area

The **Follow-up Course** for these students ran on 17-20 February 2025.

**2** students attended from outside the London area.

The **Pre-exam** revision course ran on 12-16 August 2024 for the then current London trainee cohort. All **4** students went on to successfully pass the NHS CSP exam on 15 October 2024.

- See **Appendix 6**: Student progress

We continue to provide educational support and feedback to our trainees, with the setting and marking of assignments as required in the completion of the NHS CSP Training portfolio. With candidate numbers being low within the NHS CSP training programme, we continue to offer a flexible approach to the timetabling of our courses and to adapt to individual needs.

##### **ii. Update Courses for Biomedical Scientists & Cytoscreeners**

It is an NHSCSP mandate that all BMS and Cytoscreener staff involved in screening cervical cytology attend 3 days’ worth of update course every three years.

The LRCTC offers a rolling programme of 3 different one day updates over a three - year period.. 2025 saw the introduction of our third update in this current series

6 update days were held with **57** candidates attending, 53% of which were from the London region.

### **iii. One Day Gynae Update for Consultants and Advanced Practitioner staff**

Our one-day update for consultant pathologists and advanced practitioner biomedical scientists has run since 2008 and aims to maintain their continued professional development in cervical cytology.

One course was run on 6 December 2024 with **13** attendees.

The course originally planned for 10 May 2024 was cancelled due to lack of interest

### **iv. Non-gynaecological Training for BMS Staff**

The LRCTC has an enhanced non-gynaecological cytology training portfolio for BMS staff to support the IBMS Diploma in Expert Practice in Non-Gynaecologic Cytology. The training school offers modules in urinary, respiratory, and serous fluid cytology to support BMS staff as part of CPD and career progression.

- Respiratory Cytology course held on 4–5 September 2024 with **7** candidates.
- Urinary Cytology was held on 1-2 May 2024 with **8** candidates.
- Serous Fluid was held on 3-4 July 2024 with **6** candidates.

### **v. Introductory Course for Medical Laboratory Assistants**

The MLA course was not run this year due to no applications.

We continue to offer this training on an ad hoc basis.

## **5. Course Programmes: Pathologists and Speciality Training Doctors**

### **i. Pathologists Course**

The LRCTC, since its inception in 1979, has run Pathologist courses aimed primarily at trainee pathologists about to sit their MRCPPath examination. In support of the Royal College of Pathologists training syllabus, the LRCTC offers a very popular one-week course in non-gynaecological cytology with optional exam component run twice a year.

The five-day non-gynaecological course for Pathologists ran on 9-13 September 2024 and 3-7 March 2025 with a total of **30** attendees.

In addition, there is demand from pathologists who are submitting their CESR applications and need to complete their portfolio requirements for gynaecological cytology training.

If these pathologists already have LBC (ThinPrep) experience they can attend the LRCTC and screen through the requisite slide numbers in their own time. If the candidates have no previous knowledge of LBC there is a need for a basic ST1 gynae cytology course which they can attend at the LRCTC, providing they are based within London and places are available. Additional screening slides can then be seen in their own time, facilitated by the LRCTC with feedback and “ad hoc” teaching as required.

8 CESR candidates attended the LRCTC from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

## **ii. Medical Specialist Trainees Course (ST1 & ST2)**

The LRCTC provides a five-day basic gynaecological cytology course for London Regional ST1's, contracted by NHS England School of Pathology (London and South-East) as part of their specialist pathology training.

The course ran over two 5-day sessions in November 2024 with a total of 26 attendees.

Trainees were very complimentary as to the overall quality and content of the course and appreciated the interactive nature of the sessions.

RCPATH guidance for junior doctor training in Histopathology require Specialist trainees in their first and second years (ST1 and ST2 respectively) to complete a training record of 150 cervical cytology cases and 150 non-gynaecological cases in their first year which increases to 200 cases of each in their second year.

Agreement between NHS England - London and South-East School of Pathology and the LRCTC provides additional pathologist cytology training to give a robust framework for cytological interpretation for all year 1 and 2 trainees in the London and South-East of England Regions.

Currently, following agreed changes in 2023-24, the training programme for all STs is structured to provide formal training weeks at the LRCTC for all ST1s and ST2s, with a focus on “real-time” reporting and CSL placements for all the ST3+s. This has allowed a consolidation of training with more emphasis on directed teaching and



training within the first two years, and more exposure to live reporting, MDTs and Cancer audit within the specialist years.

For 2024/25 the following format was followed:

- All ST1s spent 2 full weeks at the LRCTC- one in November and one in early April 2025
- All ST2s spent 1 full week at the LRCTC in January / February
- Additionally, for all ST1s and ST2s, there is a monthly programme of on-line topic-directed study days specifically developed by the LRCTC.
- Access to the LRCTC for additional slide workshops to meet prescribed screening totals, if required.

This expansion of junior doctor training has only been possible due to the continued additional funding support from NHS England.

### **iii. ST3 + Training**

As part of its current contract 2024/25 the LRCTC has supported all ST3s and above opting to progress their studies in gynaecological cytology.

During this academic year, the expanded ST3+ training programme allowed for a minimum of 4 weeks per trainee to be assigned to gynaecological cytology.

For 2024/25 this included:

- Three planned weeks spent at CSL
  - From Sept 2024, ongoing through to May 2025
- One 4-days' worth of topic specific, screening sessions & training at the LRCTC
  - This will run from 6 – 9 May 2025
- Optional additional time spent at CSL or the LRCTC dependent upon individual requirements.

This is the second year that this comprehensive training programme has been run, supported by additional contractual arrangements with NHS England, and its success continues to provide the template for ongoing ST3+ training.

## **6. Course Programmes: Cervical Sample Takers**

### **i. Cervical Sample Taker Initial Training.**

(Formerly known as the Foundation Course)

This is a two-day theoretical introductory course run by LRCTC to enable qualified nurses and doctors to be trained in cervical sample taking, coupled with a practical portfolio whereby trainees take and record a required number of adequate cervical samples leading to final certification.

The Initial Training course covers all required elements of the theoretical training plus providing support during the 6-month training period of log-book completion. The final element of the training process requires an External Assessment of the trainee's competency currently co-ordinated via the local Training Hubs and supported by the LRCTC.

This course was successfully re-accredited with the Royal College of Nursing in October 2024

4 courses were held in 2024/25 with **42** attendees.

### **ii. Training for Assessors & Mentors**

This training is provided by the LRCTC via on-line Teams-based sessions and has proved popular as there is limited access to this resource elsewhere. This also provides a basis for discussion forums for all Sample-takers.

2 courses were held in 2024/25 with **38** attendees.

### **iii. Cytology for Colposcopists**

The LRCTC, in collaboration with the BS CCP (The British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology), continues to offer this course for trainee Colposcopists replacing the need for a physical training placement within a cytology laboratory. This is offered as a one-day course delivered on-line.

Cytology for Colposcopists ran on 25 July 2024 and 13 February 2025 with a total of **64** candidates. The dates were set as requested by the BS CCP.

## 7. Other Activities of the LRCTC

- **Distance Learning**

The LRCTC has a dedicated website ([www.lrctc.org.uk](http://www.lrctc.org.uk)) which includes educational packages for CPD and distance learning.

We have developed a student access area on the website allowing course material and presentations to be more readily available and to act as an educational resource.

- **Training Officer/ User Group Meeting**

The LRCTC maintains support for all training officers and engages with them through the internal verifiers and assessors forums.

- **Examination Centre for the NHSCSP Training in Cervical Cytology**

The LRCTC is one of the national examination venues for NHSCSP Training in Cervical Cytology.

- **NHSCSP Assessors Training in Cervical Screening**

The LRCTC provided support to assessors primarily based at Cervical Screening London (CSL) during this year reflecting the new trainees in post within that organisation.

- **Screening and Technical External Quality Assurance (EQA)**

The LRCTC Manager is the National Scheme Organiser for the NHS CSP EQA schemes evaluating screener performance and technical quality of cervical samples.

The LRCTC facilities are used for EQA slide selection and evaluation by panel members as well as for photography of selected slides by LRCTC staff for inclusion in the EQA reports.

The LRCTC also hosts an on-line “virtual environment” to facilitate TEQA slide assessment.

## 8. National Invasive Cervical Cancer Audit

All newly diagnosed cases of cervical cancer require a local review to be undertaken of the patient's previous cervical cancer screening history; this responsibility now resides with Cervical Screening London (CSL)

However, for cases diagnosed prior to October 2021 there is still a requirement for the cytology to undergo an external review at a UK Cytology Training Centre; these cases are reviewed by the LRCTC and a consensus diagnosis given.

The findings of these reviews are fed-back to the host laboratory and included on the National Cervical Cancer database. The majority of cases are photographed at the LRCTC and provide an invaluable and unique teaching resource on difficult diagnoses and missed cases.

In 2024/25 the LRCTC received 20 cases for review totalling 26 slides (17 cases, 32 slides in 2023/24).

## **9. Further Educational Support**

The LRCTC has a library of gynaecological and diagnostic cytology cases together with workshop sets. These slides are available on request to clinical and scientific staff for review in supporting clinical staff in their pre-exam preparations and for educational purposes. Microscopes are booked in the departmental diary on an ad hoc basis during times when the department is not running any courses.

There was strong demand for this self-directed learning amounting to an additional 119 days of LRCTC facilities usage to support **110** junior doctor requests.

The LRCTC also hosted a visit from **4** junior doctors from Singapore for a week in preparation for their MRCPPath exams.

Applications from overseas doctors seeking recognition of their qualifications via the Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) route are also supported by the LRCTC wherever feasible, and very much dependant upon the applicant previous experience, as outlined in Section 5.

The LRCTC provided support to **8** CESR applicants during this year.

The LRCTC rooms and facilities are used by other Trust departments including the multi-headed microscope which can be utilised for pathologist training meetings.

These regularly included training sessions for the GI consultant pathologists and for all junior doctors currently working within the Cellular Pathology Department at Northwick Park Hospital.

## **10. Future Aims**

New training initiatives will continue to be developed in response to demand.

For 2024/25 it is intended that all aspects of ST1, ST2, and ST3+ training will be finalised, whilst a new update in Gynaecological Cytology will be developed as per our 3 yearly cycle of mandated training.

However, there are expected to be some staff changes from July 2025 onwards due to staff retirement and changes to working hours. Whilst this reconfiguration is ongoing there is a planned reduction in the number of scheduled courses to account for this, predominantly affecting sample-taker training and non-gynaecological cytology for BMS staff. All core teaching: pre-registration & BMS update courses, and junior doctor & pathologist training, will be unaffected

## 11. Appendices

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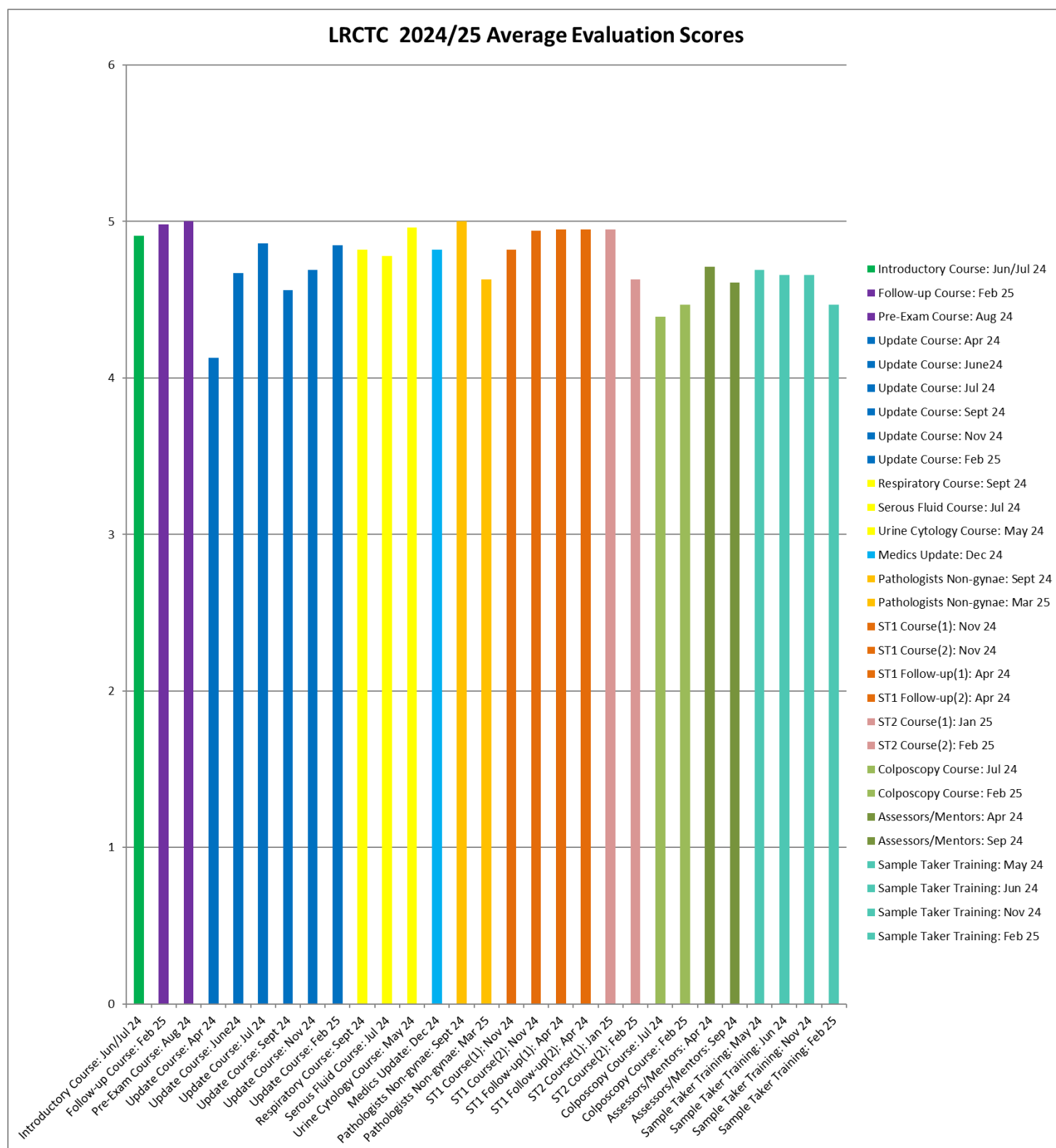
Course		Students			Evaluations		
		London contract	Non-London	Total	Returned	No <4	Average Score
<b>BMS / Cytoscreener &amp; MLA</b>							
Introductory Course Gynae Cytology 3 – 14 June & 8 – 19 July 2024		0	2	2	2	0	4.91
Follow Up Course 17 – 21 February 2025		0	2	2	2	0	4.98
Pre-Exam Course 12 – 16 August 2024		4	0	4	4	0	5.0
Update Course U3 24 April 2024		7	0	7	7	0	4.13
Update Course U3 11 June 2024		7	6	13	13	0	4.67
Update Course U3 24 July 2024		7	0	7	7	0	4.86
Update Course U3 25 September 2024		5	7	12	11	0	4.56
Update Course U3 20 November 2024		0	12	12	12	0	4.69
Update Course U3 25 February 2025		4	2	6	6	0	4.85
Respiratory Course 4 – 5 September 2024		6	1	7	6	0	4.82
Serous Fluid Course 3 - 4 July 2024		4	2	6	6	0	4.78
Urine Cytology Course 1 - 2 May 2024		5	3	8	7	0	4.96
<b>Pathologist / Junior Doctor</b>							
Medic/AP Gynae Update 6 December 2024		6	7	13	11	0	4.82
Pathologist Non-Gynae Course 9 - 13 September 2024		13	2	15	12	0	5.0
Pathologist Non-gynae Course 3 – 7 March 2025		10	5	15	14	0	4.63
ST1 Course 4 - 8 November 2024		13	0	13	13	0	4.82
ST1 Course 11 - 15 November 2024		13	0	13	12	0	4.94

Course		Students			Evaluations		
		London contract	Non-London	Total	Returned	No <4	Average Score
ST1 Follow-up Course 8 – 12 April 2024		14	0	14	12	0	4.95
ST1 Follow-up Course 15 – 19 April 2024		13	0	13	12	0	4.95
ST1/2 Online Study Session 26 April 2024		27	0	27			
ST1/2 Online Study Session 17 May 2024		35	0	35			
ST1/2 Online Study Session 21 June 2024		27	0	27			
ST1/2 Online Study Session 22 November 2024		23	0	23			
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 13 December 2024		31	0	31			
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 24 January 2025		26	0	26			
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 14 February 2025		29	0	29			
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 14 March 2025		43	0	43			
ST2 Training Week 27 January – 31 January 2025		10	0	10	10	0	4.95
ST2 Training Week 3 – 7 February 2025		12	0	12	12	0	4.63
<b>Cervical sample taker</b>							
Cytology for Colposcopists 25 July 2024		14	20	34	32	0	4.39
Cytology for Colposcopists 13 Feb 2025		7	23	30	24	0	4.47
Assessor/Mentor Online Training 23 April 2024		17	0	17	13	0	4.71
Assessor/Mentor Online Training 3 September 2024		21	0	21	20	0	4.61
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 16 May 2024 Face to face 23 May 2024		11	0	11	11	0	4.69
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 29 May 2024 Face to face 4 June 2024		6	2	8	8	0	4.66
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 21 November 2024 Face to face 28 November 2024		11	2	13	12	0	4.66
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 20 February 2025 Face to face 27 February 2025		9	2	11	11	0	4.47



Course		Students			Evaluations		
		London contract	Non-London	Total	Returned	No <4	Average Score
<b>TOTAL 2023 - 2024</b>		<b>490</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.74</b>
<b>TOTAL 2022 - 2023</b>		<b>561</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.73</b>

## Course Evaluations



N.B. Poor response for ST1/2 Online study session evaluations sent out via e-mail. To look at different ways of collecting this data in the future.

## New Commissions &amp; Candidate Numbers: Activity 2024-2025

<b>London Regional Cytology Training Centre</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b> <b>1. NHS CSP activity</b> <b>2. Histopathology trainees for London &amp; KSS</b> <b>3. Diagnostic cytology training for the wider Medical and Scientific community</b> <b>4. Training for NHS CSP support staff</b>						
<b>Course Name</b>	<b>No. of planned courses per year</b>	<b>Actual no. of courses 24 - 25</b>	<b>Course Length</b>	<b>Total expected no. of trainees London</b>	<b>Actual no. of trainees London (+ total)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>1. NHS CSP activity – BMS Pre-registration Programmes</b> <b>(2-year NHS CSP Training in Cervical Cytology for non-medical trainees)</b>						
Introductory Course in Gynaecological Cytology	1	1	20 days	4	0 (2)	No new trainees in London
Follow-up Course in Gynaecological cytology	1	1	5 days	4	0 (2)	As above
Pre-Exam Course in Gynaecological cytology	1	1	5 days	4	4 (4)	All student passed final exam
Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLA) course	2	0	1 day	0	0 (0)	No demand
<b>BMS Post-registration Programmes for qualified staff</b>						
Update Courses for BMS / Cytoscreeners (Mandatory)	5	6	1 day	30	30 (57)	✓
Gynaecological update for Consultants & Advanced Practitioners (Medics Update)	2	1	1 day	6	6 (13)	No demand for course in May 24
<b>2. Histopathology trainees</b> <b>For London &amp; KSS (ST1s &amp; ST2s)</b>						
Medical Specialist Trainees Course -Part 1 (ST1s only)	2	2	5 days	24	26	✓
Medical Specialist Trainees Course -Part 2 (ST1s only)	2	2	5 days	24	27	✓
Medical Specialist Trainees Course (ST2s only)	2	2	5 days	26	22	✓

Course Name	No. of planned courses per year	Actual no. of courses 23-24	Course Length	Total expected no. of trainees London	Actual no. of trainees London (+ total)	Comment
Online monthly tuition modules: Gynaecological cytology	8	8	0.3 day	263 (33 per session)	241 (30 per session)	Average per session
Online monthly tuition modules: Non-gynaecological.	8	8	0.3 day	263 (33 per session)	241 (30 per session)	As above
<b>For London &amp; KSS (ST3s+)</b>						
Support throughout training period: ST3 refresher day & support	1	0	4 day	18	13	Course planned for May 25
<b>3. Diagnostic Cytology training for the wider Medical and Scientific Community</b>						
<b>For BMS staff</b>						
Non-gynaecological training for BMS staff (Serous Fluid, Respiratory & Urinary courses)	3	3	2 days	10	15 (21)	✓
Ad hoc training for London as required	Ad hoc	3	As required	Ad hoc	3	Training support provision
<b>For Medical staff</b>						
Pathologists Course: Non-gynaecological cytology	2	2	5 days	24	23 (30)	✓
Gynaecological cytology support ad hoc including access to teaching slides + support for CESR candidates	1	2	3 days	2	4 (8)	CESR candidates
<b>4. Training for NHS CSP support staff</b>						
Cervical Sample Takers Initial Training Course	6	4	2 days	60	37 (43)	Decreased demand
Assessor/Mentor tuition	3	2	0.5 day	60	38 (38)	As above
Cervical Sample Takers online "virtual" laboratory tour	6	6	1.5 hour session	60	62	✓
Cytology for Colposcopists (BSCCP approved)	2	2	1 day	15	21 (64)	✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>437*</b>	<b>391 (495)</b>	<b>-</b>

- A minimum of 437 students expected from London & KSS region.
- If totals are calculated using absolute number of students rather than based on “average per session” then values equal **813** potential training contact with London-based trainees and **917** trainees in total).
- For 2023-24 values were **951** London based trainees (**1015** in total)

## Appendix 4



Protecting and improving the nation's health

# NHS Cervical Screening Programme

Assessment scheme for the approval of UK  
cytology training centres

## CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

This site meets the national standards required of a  
cytology training centre for staff working in the  
NHS Cervical Screening Programme

Centre: London Regional Cytology Training Centre

Date of issue: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

Endorsed by the Clinical Professional Group for  
Cervical Screening Education & Training

This certificate is valid only if accompanied by a current annual notification of NHSCSP approval

Public Health England leads the NHS Screening Programmes

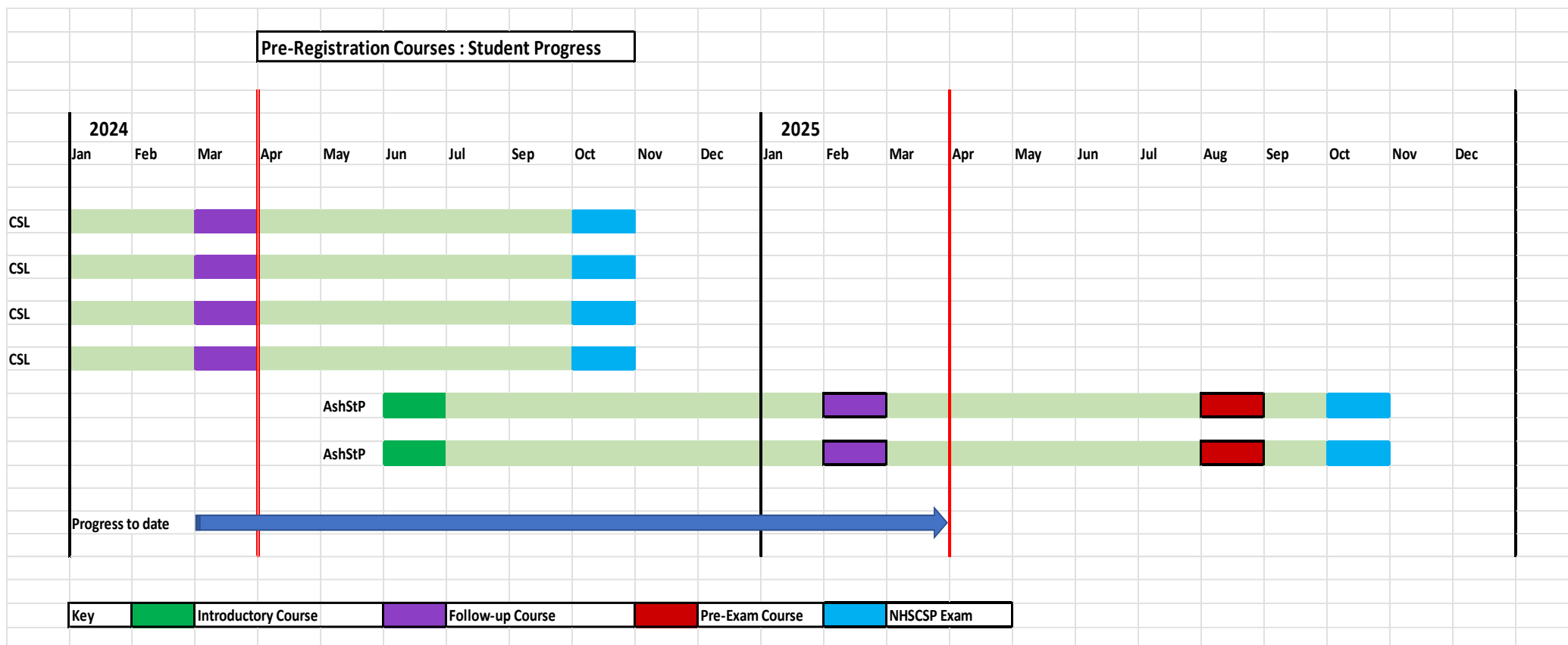
Still awaiting re-assessment by the NHS CSP Education  
Team – status quo for all National training centres

Course List 2024	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
January	BH					S	S	CU	CU		CU	CU	S	S			COLP			S	S	ST2	ST2	ST2	ST2	ST2	S	S	ST2	ST2	ST2		
February	STF	ST2	S	S			U3	STF		S	S						S	S						S	S								
March		S	S	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	S	S	FU	FU	FU	FU	FU	S	S		NHS Exam	U1	STF		S	S				STF	BH	S	S		
April	BH					S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S		AT	U3			S	S					
May	U	U		S	S	BH				MU	S	S				STF		S	S				STF		S	S	BH						
June	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	U3	IC	MLA		S	S							S	S					S	S			
July			S	S		S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S			U3	COLP		S	S					
August			S	S						S	S	PE	PE	PE	PE	PE	S	S						S	S	BH					S		
September	S		AT	R	R		S	S	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	S	S						S	S			U3			S	S				
October					S	S						S	S		NHS Exam				S	S						S	S						
November		S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S			U3	STF		S	S				STF		S			
December	S			MLA		MU	S	S						S	S						S	S			BH	BH			S	S			
Key																																	
Introductory Course	IC	Update						U1	U2	U3																							
Follow-up Course	FU	Sample Taker Foundation						STF	STF																								
Pre-Exam Course	PE	MLA Course						MLA																									
Respiratory	R	ST1 course						ST1																									
Serous Fluid	S	Medics / AP Update						MU																									
Urine	U	ST1/ST2/ST3 Study																															
Pathologists-Non Gynae	PNG	Pathologists Gynae						PCG																									
Assessors Training	AT	Colposcopy						COLP																									

Course List 2025	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
January	BH			S	S						S	S						S	S						S	S	ST2	ST2	ST2	ST2	ST2	
February	S	S	ST2	ST2	ST2	ST2	ST2	S	S				COLP		S	S	FU	FU	FU	STF	FU	S	S		U3		STF					
March	S	S	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	S	S						S	S						S	S						S	S	ST1	
April	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S				STF	BH	S	S	BH			STF		S	S					
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July					S	S						S	S				U4		S	S				COLP		S	S					
August		S	S						S	S						S	S						S	S	BH					S	S	
September	PE	PE	PE	PE	PE	S	S	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	S	S			U4		S	S							S	S				
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December					MU	S	S							S	S						S	S				BH	BH	S	S			

Key			
Introductory Course	IC	Colposcopy	COLP
Follow-up Course	FU	Sample Taker Initial Training	STF STF
Pre-Exam Course	PE	Pathologists-Non Gynae	PNG
Update	U4	ST1 course	ST1
Medics / AP Update	MU	ST2 course	ST2
ST1/ST2 study session		ST3+ training	

- Full course timetable is awaiting finalisation pending LRCTC staff re-structuring post July 2025
- Full flexibility to dates and courses offered

**Student Progress:** Retrospective and prospective Pre-registration course attendance

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, 4 students were recorded as BMS trainees who went on to pass the NHSCSP exam in October 2024.  
 From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, 2 students (Ashford St Peters) will still be BMS trainees hoping to qualify in October 2025 / March 2026.  
 No new trainees are predicted to join the training programme in 2025.



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