

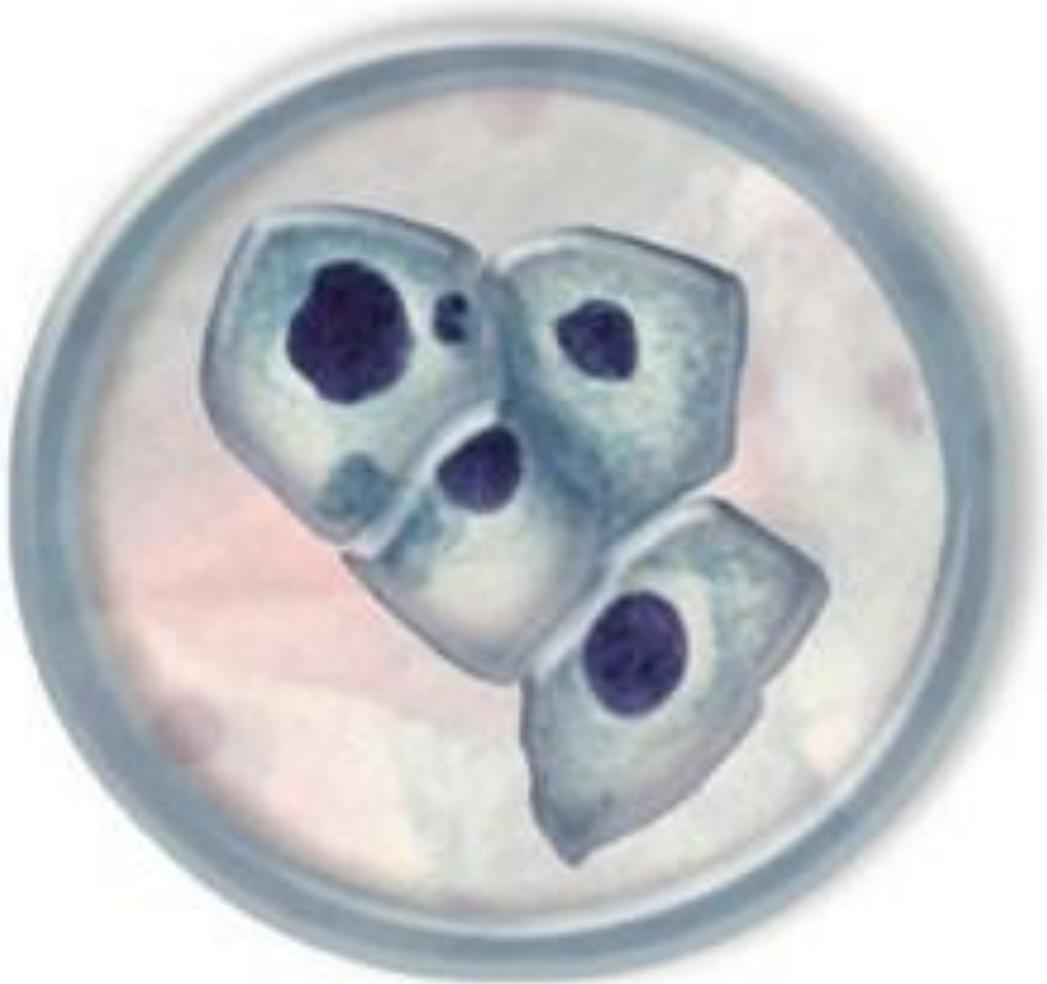
The London Regional Cytology Training Centre

Annual Report 2022/23
(1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023)

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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
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Mr. John McGloin	LRCTC Deputy Manager and Senior Tutor
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Staffing

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

Other Education Providers: External Lecturers	
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3. Executive Summary

The LRCTC ran a full and varied training calendar in 2022/23 with a significant increase in both the number of courses delivered and the number of students attending.

Compared to the previous year there was a 30% increase in student numbers:

629 candidates in 2022/23 compared with 482 in 2021/22, attending 47 courses & study sessions (37 courses in 2021/22)

An increase in demand was seen at all levels particularly resulting in an expansion to our specialty training doctor and sample-taker training programmes

It has been particularly rewarding that this increase in demand for training was 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 2022/23

- **47** formal courses were run during **2022/2023** (35 courses in 2021/22)
 - **2** Cytoscreener/BMS pre-registration courses
 - **7** Cytoscreener/BMS post-registration course
 - **3** BMS non-gynaecological courses
 - **1** MLA Course
 - **15** Medical courses
 - **1** Pathologist/AP update courses
 - **2** Pathologist non-gynaecological courses
 - **3** ST3 revision courses
 - **2** ST1 courses
 - In addition, there were **7** ST1/2/3 study sessions
 - **13** Sample taker initial training courses
 - **3** Sample taker assessor and mentor update courses
 - **3** Colposcopy courses

- A total of **629** persons attended courses in 2022/23. **546** candidates were from the London region
- The evaluation scores (ranging from 1 to 5) for all courses, derived from anonymous student feedback, ranged from **4.47** 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** was run in two 2-week sessions on 17 to 28 October 2022 and 28 November to 9 December 2022.

2 students attended, both from outside the London area

The **Follow-up Course** did not run due to lack of demand

The **Pre-exam** revision course ran from 15 to 19 August 2022

4 attendees from Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital attended

All four candidates successfully went on to pass the NHSCSP training in cervical cytology exam, held on 1st November 2022

- See **Appendix 6**: Student progress

We continue to provide support and feedback required by trainees, via ongoing e-mail exchanges and on-line discussions with the setting and marking of assignments to support the completion of the NHS CSP Training portfolio. Although there are currently fewer candidates within the NHS CSP training programme, we have developed a flexible approach to the timetabling of our courses to adapt to their individual needs.

There is now renewed interest from Cervical Screening London (CSL) to appoint new trainees to their own workforce which will increase future demand for these pre-registration courses going forwards into 2023/24

ii. Update Courses for Biomedical Scientists & Cytoscreeners

It is an NHSCSP mandate that all BMS and Cytoscreener staff involved in screening cervical cytology to attend a 3-day update course every three years.

LRCTC now offers a rolling programme of 3 different one day updates in the three - year period starting in April 2020.

7 updates were run with **75** candidates.

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 with **4** attendees

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 in order to support BMS staff as part of CPD and career progression.

- Respiratory Cytology course was held on 24-25 May 2022 with **4** candidates
- Urinary Cytology course was held on 20-21 September 2022 with **5** candidates
- Serous Fluid course was held on 5-6 July 2022 with **7** candidates

v. Introductory Course for Medical Laboratory Assistants

One MLA course was run this year with **6** attendees from the London laboratory.

There has been a demand to provide this training off-site within other cytology departments. Options to offer this are being considered but restrictions relating to NHS CSP delivery of training in non-accredited facilities continue to prevent this from progressing.

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 accordance with the Royal College of Pathologists training syllabus, the pathologist's course comprises of two parts: a one week non-gynaecological cytology course with optional exam component and a three day gynaecological course with an optional exam component.

The five-day non-gynaecological course for Pathologists ran on 5-9 September 2022 and 6-10 March 2023 with a total of **26** attendees

The three-day gynaecological cytology pre-exam course is no longer in demand. However, the LRCTC has seen increased demand from pathologists who are submitting their CESR application for gynaecological cytology training.

If pathologists already have LBC (ThinPrep) 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.

6 CESR candidates attended the LRCTC from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

ii. Medical Specialist Trainees Course (ST1 & ST2)

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

The course ran over two 5-day sessions in November 2022 with a total of **29** attendees

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

RCPPath 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.

From past agreement with HEE London and South-East School of Pathology 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.

This now includes:

- For all ST1s and ST2s, there is a monthly programme of on-line topic-directed study days specifically developed by the LRCTC
- A week-long placement at Cervical Screening London (CSL) is formally arranged with all students.
- Access to the LRCTC for additional slide workshops to meet prescribed screening totals, if required.

The LRCTC has operated this system within its current commitment to HEE and the School of Pathology

iii. ST3 + Training

As part of its current HEE contract 2022/23 the LRCTC has supported all ST3's and above opting to progress their studies in gynaecological cytology.

During the academic year, a minimum of 3 weeks per trainee is solely dedicated to gynaecological cytology.

For 2022/23 this included:

- Three 2-day, topic specific, study sessions (7-8 April, 24-25 August, 15-16 December)
- Two planned weeks (May 2022 & Sept 2023) spent at CSL
- Optional additional time spent at CSL or the LRCTC dependent upon individual requirements

It is intended that this training will be developed further in 2024.

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 suitably 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.

This Royal College of Nursing accredited course continued to see a high level of demand in 2022/23 for this training following on from initiatives put into place via the London Cervical Screening Strategic & Oversight Board.

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.

13 courses have been held in 2022/23 with **151** 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. They also form a basis for discussion forums for all Sample-takers.

3 courses have been held in 2022/23 with **93** attendees

iii. Cytology for Colposcopists

The LRCTC, in collaboration with the BSCCP (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.

Cytology for Colposcopists ran on 29 April 2022, 30 September 2022, and 27 January 2023 with a total of **49** candidates

7. Additional Portfolio Courses

These courses have been developed in partnership with NHS London and remain within the LRCTC portfolio and are delivered as and when requested.

- **Cervical Sample Takers Update Courses**

The requirements for a 3 yearly mandatory update are now primarily met by a National on-line e-Learning for Healthcare (e-LfH) training module.

- **Primary HPV**

National implementation of Primary HPV testing as part of the NHS CSP is now complete. Apart from correspondence seeking advice or clarification on protocols, no specific training relating to Primary HPV has been requested this year.

- **Distance Learning**

The LRCTC has a dedicated website (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.

8. Other Activities of the LRCTC

- **Training Officer/ User Group Meeting**

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

Regular updates from the training centre are provided to London SQAS and to the London Cervical Screening Programme Recovery Board where training centre performance is a standing agenda item

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

The LRCTC is one of the national examination venues for NHSCSP Training in Cervical Cytology. The National NHS CSP examination for cervical cytology was held on 1 November 2022.

- **NHSCSP Assessors Training in Cervical Screening**

The LRCTC continues to provide support to assessors based at Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust with future demand confirmed from Cervical Screening London (CSL)

- **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.

- **NHS Service Provider Meeting**

As part of our contract renewal, the London NHS Service Providers group have met with NHS Health Education England, London & South-East to discuss annual reports and confirm action plans. The last meeting was in early 2023.

9. 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.

For cases diagnosed prior to October 2021 there is 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 that are fed-back to staff on Update training courses.

In 2022/23, the LRCTC received **57** cases from four regions totalling **76** slides (201 cases, 278 slides 2021/22).

This represents a marked decrease in slide numbers requiring review following the changes in National Cancer Audit policy

10. 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.

Requests for this purpose amounted to an additional **62** days of LRCTC facilities usage by 158 junior doctors.

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

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

11. Future Aims

Several new training initiatives are currently being developed for 2023/2024:

- Finalisation of our third one-day Update in Gynaecological Cytology
 - As per our 3 yearly cycle of mandated training
- A new 2-day non-gynae course in FNA technique and diagnosis for BMS staff.
 - This has previously been requested via feedback from other non-gynaecological courses.
- Reconfiguration of the training models for ST1/ ST2/ ST3's.

Due to limited capacity for placements at CSL for the ST1 and ST2 cohorts, whilst also building on the requirements for ST3+ candidate to have more exposure to “real-time” reporting and MDTs, the training models are to be reconfigured:

- All ST1's will attend a second week at the LRCTC in addition to their initial training course, including a visit to CSL to view the laboratory set-up
- All ST2's will attend the LRCTC for one week for consolidation of gynaecological screening
- All ST3's will be timetabled to work at CSL for a minimum of 4 weeks throughout the academic year

12. Appendices

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Annual Course Planner 2022 and 2023

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LRCTC Course and Student Activity Report 2022/23

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LRCTC Course Evaluations

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New Commissions and Candidate Numbers

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Current Certificate of Approval from NHSCSP Assessment Scheme

Appendix 6

Retrospective and prospective Pre-registration course attendance

Draft LRCTC Annual Course Planner 2023

Course List 2023	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	S	BH					S	S						S	S	AT					S	S					COLP	S	S			
February	STF			S	S				STF		S	S				STF (M)		S	S					S	S							
March	STF	STF		S	S	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	S	S			U2			S	S			STF Imp			S	S						
April	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	BH	S	S	BH	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC		S	S	IC	IC	AT	IC	IC	S	S		
May	BH		U	U	MU	S	S	BH					S	S		U3		STF		S	S				STF	S	S	BH				
June			S	S						S	S		MLA				S	S						S	S							
July	S	S		S	S			S	S		U2				S	S	FU	FU	FU	STF	FU	S	S		AT		STF		S	S		
August					S	S						S	S					S	S						S	S	BH					
September		S	S		R	R			S	S	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	S	S	PE	PE	PE	STF	PE	S	S		U3		STF	COLP	S		
October	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S			
November				S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	STF	ST1	S	S			U2		STF		S	S					
December	MU	S	S		U3	MLA			S	S					S	S								S	S	BH	BH					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 Gyna	PNG
Pathologists Gynae	PCG
Assessors Training	AT
Colposcopy	COLP

LRCTC Annual Course Planner 2022

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April		S	S						S	S					BH	S	S	BH					S	S		R	R				
May	S	BH			MLA		S	S		NHS Exam				S	S						S	S						S	S		
June		BH	BH	S	S			S	S		S	S						S	S					S	S						
July		S	S					S	S							S	S						S	S					S	S	
August			U	U		S	S					S	S	PE	PE	PE	PE	PE	S	S							S	S	BH		
September			S	S	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	S	S					S	S						S	S						COLP	
October	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	S	S	
November	NHS Exam				S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	ST1	S	S						S	S				
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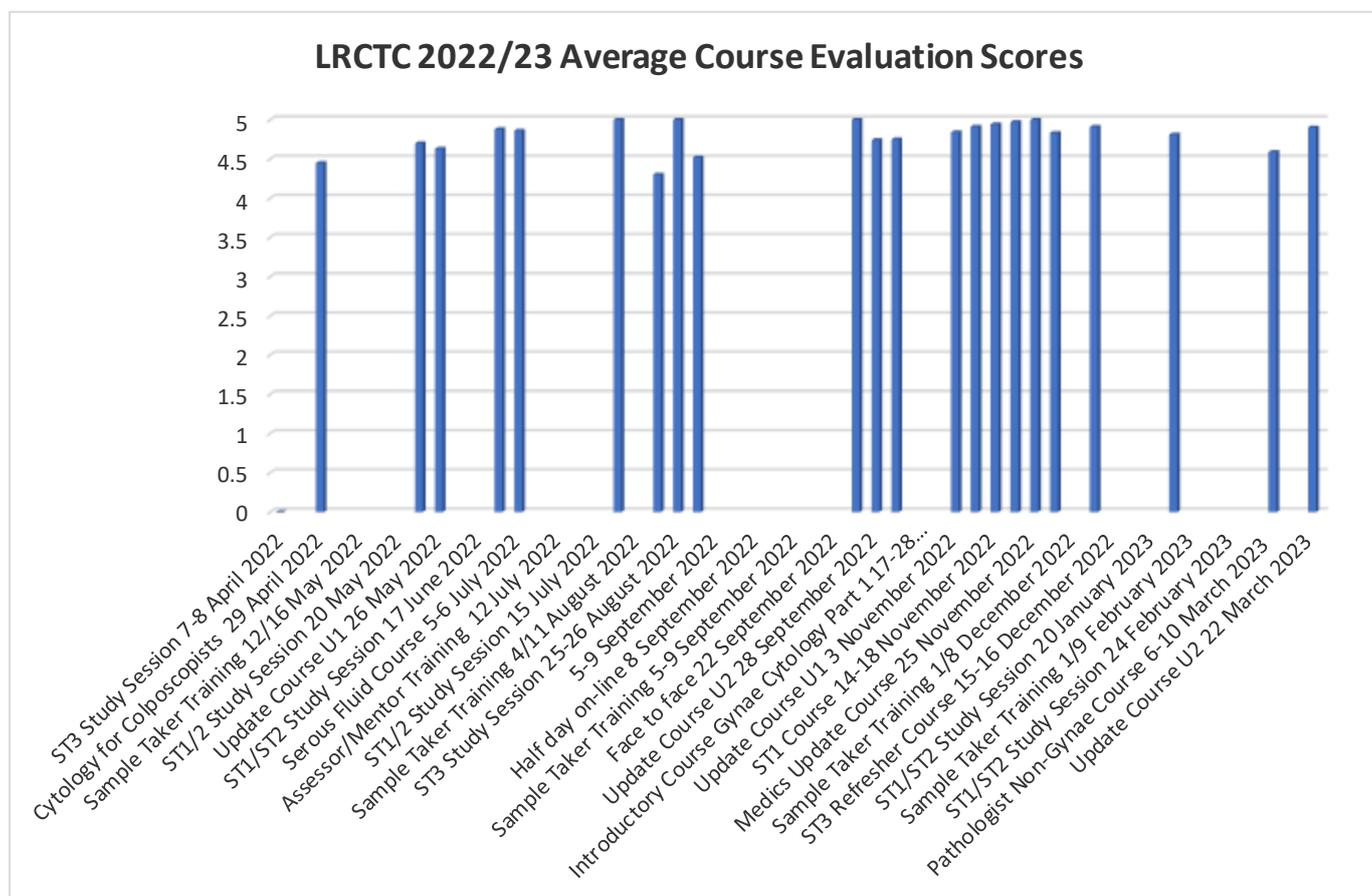
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Follow-up Course	FU	Sample Taker Foundation	STF STF
Pre-Exam Course	PE	MLA Course	MLA
Respiratory	R	ST1 course	ST1
Serous Fluid	S	Medics / AP Update	MU
Urine	U	ST1/ST2/ST3 Study	
Pathologists-Non Gynae	PNG	Pathologists Gynae	PCG
		Colposcopy	COLP

Course	Students			Evaluations			
	London contract	Non-London	Total	Returned	Average Score	No > 4	No <4
BMS / Cytoscreener & MLA							
Introductory Course Gynae Cytology Parts 1 & 2: 17-28 October 2022 & 28 November-9 December 2022	0	2	2	2	4.83	2	0
Pre-exam Course 15-19 August 2022	0	4	4	3	4.3	3	0
Update Course U1 26 May 2022	5	5	10	10	4.63	10	0
Update Course U1 28 July 2022	8	1	9	8	5	8	0
Update Course U1 3 November 2022	6	5	11	11	4.84	11	0
Update Course U2 22 June 2022	6	5	11	11	4.88	11	0
Update Course U2 28 September 2022	6	4	10	10	4.74	10	0
Update Course U2 23 November 2022	8	4	12	12	4.97	12	0
Update Course U2 22 March 2023	8	4	12	11	4.9	11	0
Medics Update Course 25 November 2022	1	3	4	4	5	4	0
Respiratory Course 24-25 May 2022	4	0	4	4	4.7	4	0
Serous Fluid Course 5-6 July 2022	6	1	7	7	4.86	7	0
Urine Cytology Course 20-21 September 2022	4	1	5	5	5	5	0
MLA Course 13 December 2022	6	0	6	6	4.91	6	0
Pathologist / Junior Doctor							
Pathologist Non-Gynae Course 6-10 March 2023	7	7	14	11	4.59	11	0
Pathologist Non-gynae Course 5-9 September 2022	4	8	12	11	4.52	11	0
ST1 Course 7-11 November 2022	15	0	15	14	4.91	14	0

Course	Students			Evaluations			
	London contract	Non-London	Total	Returned	Average Score	No > 4	No <4
ST1 Course 14-18 November 2022	14	0	14	14	4.94	14	0
ST1/2 Online Study Session 22 April 2022	16	0	16				
ST1/2 Online Study Session 20 May 2022	27	0	27				
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 17 June 2022	13	0	13				
ST1/2 Online Study Session 15 July 2022	13	0	13				
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 20 January 2023	36	0	36				
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 24 February 2023	19	0	19				
ST1/ST2 Online Study Session 17 March 2023	21	0	21				
ST3 Study Session 7-8 April 2022	7	0	7	6	5	6	0
ST3 Study Session 25-26 August 2022	16	0	16	8	5	8	0
ST3 Refresher Course 15-16 December 2022	6	0	6	4	5	4	0
Cervical sample taker							
Cytology for Colposcopists 29 April 2022	6	10	16	14	4.45	14	0
Cytology for Colposcopists 30 September 2022	5	15	20	20	4.75	20	0
Cytology for Colposcopists 27 January 2023	9	4	13	9	4.81	9	0
Assessor/Mentor Online Training 4 May 2022	24	0	24				
Assessor/Mentor Online Training 12 July 2022	31	0	31				
Assessor/Mentor Training 16 January 2023	38	0	38				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 12 May 2022 Face to face 16 May 2022	10	0	10				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 12 May 2022 Face to face 19 May 2022	13	0	13				

Course	Students			Evaluations			
	London contract	Non-London	Total	Returned	Average Score	No > 4	No <4
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 8 June 2022 Face to face 16 June 2022	12	0	12				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 7 July 2022 Face to face 14 July 2022	13	0	13				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 13 July 2022 Face to face 21 July 2022	13	0	13				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 4 August 2022 Face to face 11 August 2022	11	0	11				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 8 September 2022 Face to face 15 September 2022	12	0	12				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 8 September 2022 Face to face 22 September 2022	13	0	13				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 20 October 2022 Face to face 27 October 2022	9	0	9				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 1 December 2022 Face to face 8 December 2022	7	0	7				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 1 February 2023 Face to face 9 February 2023	16	0	16				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 1 February 2023 Face to face 16 February 2023	10	0	10				
Sample Taker Training Half day on-line 1 March 2023 Face to face 2 March 2023	12	0	12				
TOTAL 2022 - 2023	545	84	629	215	4.81	215	0
TOTAL 2021 - 2022	425	57	482	110	4.88	109	1

Course Evaluations



Sample-taker Initial Training: On-line feedback via MS Forms

56 online evaluations returned.

Topic	Average rating (out of 5)
Overall course content	4.85
Met expected learning outcomes	4.85
Participation & interaction	4.92
Topics relevant to practice	4.88
Pitched at correct level	4.81
Overall met expectations	4.80
Course information & organisation	4.81
Helpfulness of staff	4.92
Training facilities & equipment	4.73
On-line training resources	4.88
Overall rating	4.85

New Commissions & Candidate Numbers: Activity 2022-2023

London Regional Cytology Training Centre Commissioning Courses - Numbers for London Region Only 1 st April 2022 – 31 st March 2023						
Course Name	No. of planned courses per year	Actual no. of courses 22-23	Course Length	Total expected no. of trainees London	Actual no. of trainees London (+ total)	Comment
1A. Pre-registration Programmes (2-year NHS CSP Training in Cervical Cytology for non-medical trainees)						
Introductory Course in Gynaecological Cytology	1	1	20 days	2	0 (2)	Increase expected demand 2023/24
Follow-up Course	1	0	5 days	2	0	As above
Pre-Exam Course	2	1	5 days	0	0 (4)	✓
Medical Laboratory Assistants (MLA) course	2	1	1 day	4	6 (6)	✓
1B. BMS Post-registration Programmes for qualified staff						
Update Courses for BMS / Cytoscreeners (Mandatory)	5	7	1 day	29	47 (75)	✓
Gynaecological update for Consultants & Advanced Practitioners (Medics Update)	2	1	1 day	6	6 (6)	✓
2. Histopathology trainees:						
A. For London & KSS (ST1s & ST2s)						
Medical Specialist Trainees Course (ST1s only)	2	2	5 days	22	29 (29)	✓
Online monthly cytology tuition modules: Gynaecological cytology	9	7	0.3 day	49	145	Average 16 per session
Online monthly cytology tuition modules: Non-gynaecological cytology	9	7	0.3 day	49	145	As above
B. London & KSS (ST3s+)						
Support throughout training period: New teaching sessions planned	3	3	variable	15	29	Average 10 per session

3. Diagnostic Cytology training for the wider Medical and Scientific Community						
A. For BMS staff						
Non-gynaecological training for BMS staff (Serous Fluid, Respiratory & Urinary courses)	3	3	2 days	10	14 (16)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ad hoc training for London as required	Ad hoc	Variable	As required	As per demand	9 (12)	Training support provision
B. For Medical staff						
Pathologists Course: Non-gynaecological cytology	2	2	5 days	20	11 (26)	
Pathologists Course: Gynaecological cytology	1	0	3 days	0	0	Support given for CESAR
4. Training for NHS CSP support staff						
Cervical Sample Takers Initial Training Course	3	13	2 days	30	151 (151)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cervical Sample Takers update training – N.B. replaced with Assessor/Mentor training	1	3	0.5 day	18	93 (93)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cervical Sample Takers online “virtual” laboratory tour	6	6	1.5 hour session	30	36 (42)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cytology for Colposcopists (BSCCP approved)	2	3	1 day	5	20 (29)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	54	60		291	741 (810)	



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Assessment scheme for the approval of UK
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Team – status quo for all National training centres

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