**Less Than Full Time Training - RCPI Pathway FAQ**

Q: Are there any opportunities for LTFT that would start in January as opposed to July?

A: Yes there is a possibility to start in January if approved

Q: Is the trainee supernumerary in this pathway? If not, is it necessary to have approval from the hospital or training leads prior to applying?

A: Not supernumerary, but we can work with the site to manage

Q: Does this pathway affect where a trainee will be allocated on their training scheme?

A: It does not affect allocation, however, the trainee cannot self-select a site

Q: If pursuing the LTFT are you on the same NCHD contract or is it a separate contract? How does this affect annual leave/study leave/maternity leave etc.

A: It is the same contract, however, annual leave, maternity leave etc. are pro-rata based on reduced time contract

Q: Could you provide for information on how training rotations are mapped out for those who are working less than full time, for example, if I am in my final year of training July 2025. If I am in LTFT my training will be extended, do I stay in my post to complete my training or will I need to move to a different post for July 2026?

A: Usually you will rotate as required at changeover. It will depend on the NSD and if the current post is prepared to accommodate.

Q: Should I consult with the NSDs prior to submitting my application?

A: It is not a requirement but you can approach them to discuss if desired.

Q: Is it necessary for me to identify potential hospitals before applying? How is the allocation of hospitals determined?

A: This is managed through the normal allocation process, LTFT cannot be used to pick a preferred site.