

GP SPECIALTY TRAINING REGISTRARS AND EXTENDED HOURS

Registrars should gain experience in all aspects of general practice so they are ready for independent practice on completion of their training. Extended hours are an important part of the GP working week and registrars should be included in the rota.

- Extended hours, including Saturday mornings, should be part of the normal working week i.e. 10 x 4 hour sessions or 40 hours (pro rata for part-time).
- 40 hours of work does not include periods of rest.
- On call during the day should count as part of the 40 hours.
- Registrars should not be expected to do an unfair share of the practice's rota for providing extended hours (pro rata for part-time).
- The usual rules apply about safe supervision appropriate to the level of competence of the trainee i.e. trainer (or another member of the practice's suitably experienced substantive GP team) on site until the trainee is in the latter part of ST3.
- OOHs are in addition to the 40 hour week and should continue to be a minimum of 12 sessions in 12 months (pro rata for part-time).
- To comply with the EWTD registrars should not work more than 48 hours a week and this includes OOHs.

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