QA of Gloucestershire teaching 2013: summary

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Highlights

- Innovative and bold use of reflective writing exercise
- Use of spoken and written guidelines and email mentoring to assist ST1/2's in preparing teaching presentations for their peers; gentle facilitative guidance and input during the session from TPD
- Friendly and interactive approach to participants
- Skillful reinforcement of adult learning by using non-directive facilitator style.
- Careful observation of group and responses to less involved members.
- Excellent system for large-group work: ST plans the session in advance, leads it on the day, TPDs there to support as needed, ST given written feedback afterwards

Areas that must be changed in the next year

None

Recommendations

- Some TPDs used a lot of closed questions: ensure that most questions are open-ended
- Encourage small groups to use group time for personal sharing of issues arising from patient interactions rather than just discussing factual information
- Small groups may need challenging to move way from discussing factual information (their comfortable default position) to more personal sharing of attitudinal and emotional responses to patient interactions
- Ensure that all group members are encouraged to contribute; go round the group if needed

Summary

- Overall, we saw highly motivated TPDs using plenty of impressive high-level teaching skills
- The newer TPDs welcomed the chance to review, work on and develop their skills