

Foundation Taster Event

1. Which foundation year are you currently in?

Year 1	20
Year 2	6
Year 3	2
Other	9



2. How did you find out about the Foundation Taster Event?

RCPATH Website	17
RCPATH Bulletin	1
Social Media	4
Other	15



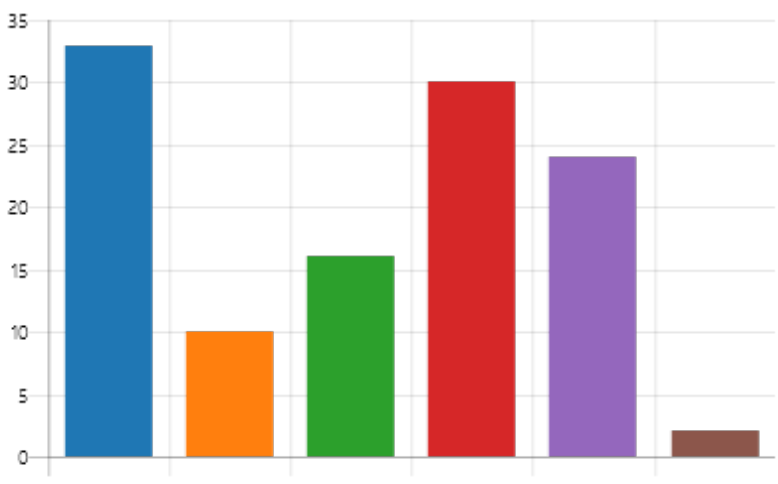
3. We are interested to know what prompted your interest in attending the event. Which of the following apply to you?

I had only a passing interest a...	1
I was curious about pathology...	11
I was very interested in a path...	25
Other	0



4. If you are interested in a pathology specialty as a possible career, please state what has made you consider it. Tick all that apply.

I am interested in pathological...	33
I had good pathology teachin...	10
A role model I have encounter...	16
Work-life balance	30
Opportunities for research.	24
Other (please state)	2



7. Please rate the session titled 'Why pathology? - Intro to pathology careers' (5 stars being the highest)

37
Responses

★★★★★
4.54 Average Rating

8. Please rate the session titled 'The Pathology Battle - interactive mystery case session' (5 stars being the highest)

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Responses

★★★★★
4.51 Average Rating

9. Please rate the session titled 'OOPEs (out of programme experiences): academic and abroad' (5 stars being the highest)

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Responses

★★★★☆
4.30 Average Rating

10. Please rate the session titled 'Applications, selection process and interview tips' (5 stars being the highest)

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Responses

★★★★★
4.54 Average Rating

11. Please rate the session titled 'Panel Q&A session' (5 stars being the highest)

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Responses

★★★★☆
4.03 Average Rating

12. Which breakout session did you attend first?

- Histopathology 23
- Haematology 7
- Immunology 7



13. Please rate your first breakout session (5 stars being the highest)

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Responses

★★★★★
4.65 Average Rating

14. What aspects of the first breakout did you like/dislike?

1	Realistic overview of career with pros and cons.
2	Like - Speaker was approachable / engaging
3	To hear from trainee about good and bad bits, typical training pathway and exams information
4	Great enthusiasm from speakers. Sold the perks of the speciality well but also talked about reality and downsides
5	I liked that it was an open chat, made us comfortable to ask questions if needed. Also liked when they showed how the routine is like as a Histopath spr and pros x cons.
6	Katie’s passion for histopathology was infectious. It was informative and interesting

7	Good overview of the training pathway with ample opportunity to ask questions.
8	I liked the layout of the session
9	Very informative and approachable
10	Pathway well explained More of the day to day live would be nice Would work best if the tables of each sub speciality had a doctor assigned, I felt I was at a table not understanding what it was trying to demonstrate about the speciality. I only managed to get one table explained but had to insert myself in another discussion. Wasn't a very inclusive activity for that reason. Good idea but not best executed.
11	The size of the group was optimal for discussing questions in satisfactory detail. The facilitators were friendly and answered questions well.
12	Questions answered enthusiastically. Speaker seemed to genuinely want to help.
13	Interactive, clear, enthusiastic
14	I liked the presenter and the details with which she tackled different aspects of a trainee's daily schedule.
15	Speaking to someone who is currently in training was very useful. She was approachable, friendly and enthusiastic and welcomed questions.
16	Knowledgeable and accommodating speakers.
17	Excellent overview of what to expect as a pathology trainee I really appreciated the speaker providing an example of her timetable showing the sort of day to day activities in the pathology department
18	Excellent explanation of the training programme and the extra curricular features with the programme. A balanced yet informative talk from the point of view of a current trainer which was extremely useful and has encouraged me to seriously consider histopathology training
19	It gave me a good idea of what to expect should I apply for the programme
20	Like - very enthusiastic speakers, gave good breakdown on the specialty and what it entails, Dislike - many different individual stations, might be helpful to provide a small breakdown of each station so we can get a rough idea of what each haemtology subspecialty entails
21	Good speaker, covered important points,
22	Useful insights into work life balance
23	enthusiastic just not the specialty I want to go into due to staying in internal medicine/core training
24	The speaker was passionate and clearly enjoyed her specialty
25	Ability to ask questions, concise overview of the speciality
26	Enthusiasm was great, very informative an knowledgeable - would possibly be nicer to have the audience engage more as by the end I was tired
27	It was concise and to the point whilst covering important aspects of the life as a trainee in histopathology. I particularly liked the fact we had the presence of both a trainee and the president of the College, so we had perspectives from someone entering the career as well as someone who has vast experience in pathology. I already chose histopathology as a career and this session reinforced my desire to apply for training.
28	Honest talk about what to expect and the practicalities of pathology training.
29	The good opportunities to speak with current trainees that you rarely see in the hospital.

15. Which breakout session did you attend second?

● Histopathology	11
● Chemical Pathology	14
● Microbiology	12



16. Please rate your second breakout session (5 stars being the highest)

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Responses

★★★★☆
4.30 Average Rating

17. What aspects of the second breakout did you like/dislike?

1	Good to see what a typical week is like for a microbiologist
2	Liked the engaging presenter, good introduction to a not commonly heard of specialty
3	Great info on what training looks like and daily duties
4	I would like to know more how exactly the routine as microbiologist and micro spr is like
5	Better understanding of what a chemical pathologist does on a day-to-day basis.
6	Liked the enthusiasm of the speakers
7	liked all of it, great
8	Informative I would have liked to hear more about the training programme and more form the trainee.
9	The speaker was very comprehensive.
10	Enthusiastic, outlined important details, gave a good flavour of a day in the life of an SpR
11	The different aspects of microbiology and how it intersects with medicine and infectious disease.
12	Very enthusiastic speakers. I suppose that this is a field that most people are not very aware of, thus there was less audience questions/engagement. I think that in the future, it might be good to go through an interesting day/case that strongly involved the department of chemical pathology.
13	Good overview of the complex training pathways involved with Micro/ID specialties
14	Lots of relevant information, well delivered. Approachable, friendly style
15	Whistle stop tour regarding the microbiology training and how the field is changing in the London area. Although the first half of the talk was very useful to hear, I felt the second half of the talk, which mentioned the training pathway and job description was a little rushed.
16	Clarified what steps I should go through to be able to train in microbiology
17	Like - very enthusiastic speaker, she provided a really good summary of the pathology training and career, enjoyed the talk Suggestion - perhaps some sample stations with histopathology subspecialties such as cytopathology, cellular and molecular pathology would be nice
18	Useful breakdown of the new training structure
19	enthusiastic teaching, useful when talking about day schedule
20	Very assertive consultants
21	It clarified what chemical pathology actually is
22	It was an organised session.
23	Interesting to hear about what chemical pathology is as I wasn't aware of it previously. Good speakers.
24	Everything was excellent
25	Very informative and thorough!

18. I would recommend this event to another foundation doctor who was interested in a career in pathology

Strongly agree	34
Agree	3
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Neutral	0



19. The volunteers were friendly, helpful and provided useful advice

Strongly agree	31
Agree	6
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Neutral	0



20. Having attended this event, I am more likely to apply for specialty training in pathology

Strongly agree	28
Agree	8
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
Neutral	0



21. Attending this event now means I understand more about the role of pathology and what a career can offer me

Strongly agree	29
Agree	8
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Neutral	0



22. We would like to run this event next year. Could you please provide a short statement to help us promote this event in the future?

1	Good event to meet and discuss with various pathology specialties about what day to day life is like
2	I was vaguely interested in pathology before attending the event, but my F1 experiences have steered me more in the GP direction. This event reminded me what I would be missing!
3	Inspiring and exciting day, invaluable for career and application planning.
4	Very useful day. Lots on information about both pathology as a career choice, pathology as a trainee and the all-important inside tips about interviews and applications
5	Amazingly well organised conference! Helpful, interesting, and interactive!
6	Informative, well organised and great fun! It's sparked my interest in pathology again, would recommend.
7	A great chance to meet members of the pathology profession and get a valuable insight into what a career in pathology could involve.
8	A fantastic opportunity to learn more about the varied, interesting and challenging roles that a career in Pathology can offer

9	Made me sure I want to pursue histopathology as a career.
10	Engaging and enthusiastic speakers. The case workshop was easily one of the most exciting workshops I have ever attended!
11	Excellent taster event! Provides the necessary information for one to have an idea of what to expect before applying for the specialty!
12	Fun and informative event. I would highly recommend this event for anyone considering pathology as a career choice.
13	For anyone who is interested in pathology, this event is very helpful. It was fun as well, especially the mystery case session. I would definitely recommend this event to all doctors.
14	Excellent, well run day, fantastic opportunity if you are interested in pathology but want to know more
15	A very useful event for anyone considering pathology due to the advice on the application to pathology process
16	An absolutely fantastic day exploring a career in pathology with people who enjoy what they do
17	A good introduction to pathology
18	This is a fantastic event for anyone considering applying for pathology as a career and wants further information. It provides an honest insight into the various specialities and was a really fun and informative day!
19	The Foundation Taster event was a great opportunity to meet clinicians that work typically 'behind the front lines'. The scenario exercise was great fun and also made me really appreciate the multi-disciplinary work that goes on in the background that we rarely see and appreciate!

23. Any other comments

1	As someone who was interested in pathology but unsure of what specialty, it might have been more useful to have shorter talks on specialties and the ability to attend more. They were quite geared at people who were already set on that career path and went into a lot of detail on training etc. They were very useful but I would have liked to attend 3 or 4!
2	Thank you
3	The new building is amazing
4	Very flexible and inclusive- I was able to bring my baby so I could feed him, as I am currently on maternity leave.
5	Amazing conference, probably the best organised event I have attended over the last few years. Just a couple of points: - I presented a poster at the conference but was disappointed that there wasn't a formal judging session where we have to verbally present the poster to the judges, and get the opportunity to answer any questions. I think this provides a good opportunity to discuss the basis around the poster, and I had put lots of effort into preparing a presentation! - Not much info about ACF applications in histopathology. A section on this would have been helpful.
6	Would be good to include a bit of teaching with some histology slides.
7	The event was brilliant from start to finish! I left the venue very satisfied that I'd made the journey to come (5.30 hours by train). It was exactly what I needed to understand what a career in pathology was like, including the different aspects of it. Thank you to everyone that made this possible!
8	Enjoyable day, very useful. Glad I decided to attend. Thanks to Kristen for arranging and all faculty staff for running it
9	Thank you!
10	I would like to thank the College for organizing this event. It definitely surpassed my expectations and it was very useful to gain more insight into the different pathology specialties. I would recommend to expand the session on the application process as I guess this is probably a huge plus of this event - probably giving examples of successful vs unsuccessful applications. Also, the idea of providing letters for arranging tasters was excellent - thank you very much!
11	Really enjoyed the day and am even more determined now to apply for histopathology, thank you!
12	Great day. Would be fantastic to develop a more focused session/day on histopathology/ pathology applications, focusing on scenario stations and portfolio work in the future.