

Report to Annual General Meeting of BAPRAS: December 2019**Report from: Oncoplastic Breast Tig****Name of Representative: Keith Allison****Report**

The oncoplastic breast tig is the longest running of the tig fellowships and gives senior plastic surgery trainees increased opportunity to experience all aspects of breast and reconstructive surgery. This year saw a decrease in the number of applicants from plastic surgery and also a fall in the performance at the interviews held in January such that only one plastic surgery trainee will start this fellowship in September 2019.

Ruth Waters and I have presented at the annual winter meeting about this tigs worth. A survey sent out from the chair of the tig only seemed to survey breast surgeons rather than plastic surgeons and so we have asked all previous plastic surgery tig fellows, now consultants, to respond on their experience of the tig. The complexities of GDPR rules have made this a more prolonged process than necessary to trace 34 fellows since 2003. Early results suggest overwhelmingly that BAPRAS should continue to support the oncoplastic breast tig fellowship and that past fellows regularly use the oncological surgical skills they have learned as well as the expected reconstructive ones.

With the advent of a new GMC/JCST approved syllabus and curriculum for breast surgeons likely to start in 2022, it is paramount that plastic surgeons stay involved in this fellowship so as to be able to gain the best training and also influence the referral and joint working behaviours of breast surgeons as they are the gatekeepers to this large and very important group of patients for plastic surgery.

Actions

Ruth Waters and I will continue to represent the BAPRAS and the interests of plastic surgeons who look after breast surgery / reconstruction. We are going to link in with PLASTA to gain more support and access to the current trainees and increase application and performance at the tig interview process.