

## **Vascular Society Education and Training Committee 2024.**

Happy New Year from the committee. We are looking forward to 2024 after what was a busy 2023 for the committee.

In 2023, we delivered a wide variety of education and training for trainees, members and our allied societies. This included:

- Continuing to deliver the ASPIRE programme for our trainees with a national training number. Many thanks to all the course convenors, faculty and to those who have helped fund the courses.
- We have helped provide additional courses which have focused on the management of superficial venous reflux and renal access surgery. Again, thanks to convenors, faculty and funders.
- We have continued to deliver ASPIRE digital webinars. These can be accessed on the VSGBI website ([https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/members/education/aspire\\_programmes/aspire\\_digital.aspx](https://www.vascularsociety.org.uk/members/education/aspire_programmes/aspire_digital.aspx))
- We delivered inaugural courses for both or SAS / LED doctors and with the SVN which both received excellent feedback.

## **2024 will be another busy year. To date, we have the following planned:**

We welcome Mr Marco Baroni and Mr James McCaslin to the committee. Mr Baroni is going to lead on our SAS / LED education programme.

- We will continue to deliver the ASPIRE programme – if you are able to help with faculty the please either let myself or the course convenors know.
  - ASPIRE 3: Leeds. End of September (dates to be announced)
  - ASPIRE 4: Cambridge. Miss Diane Hildebrand. September (week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September)
  - ASPIRE 5: Birmingham. Miss Anna Murray. April 11-12th.
  - ASPIRE 6: Newcastle. Miss Claire Dawkins. May 16-17th
  - ASPIRE 7: Cardiff. Mr. Huw Davies & Mr. Lewis Meecham. 21-22<sup>nd</sup> March
  - ASPIRE 8: Manchester. Miss Kaji Sritharan Feb 29<sup>th</sup> / March 1<sup>st</sup>
- We will continue with our SAS / LED education plan with a further on line day later on in the year.
- We already have a date for a further VS / SVN study day (4<sup>th</sup> July) – more details to follow.
- We are in the process of putting together a course focused on the first few years of consultant practice – more information to follow in the next couple of months.
- We will combine with the rouleaux club to award a Trainer of the year award this year – to be awarded at the VS ASM in Brighton. More details to follow.
- There is a national plan led through NHS England to deliver an online training programme for all surgical specialities similar to that initially trialled in Core Surgical Training (Twitter: @CSTHubUK). More information to follow.