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Dear Ian

Re: Medical Students

Many thanks for your letter of 21 November 2008. We are a small specialty with a small number of trainees each year – particularly over the last couple of years! However we have always taken the view that we want the best students to be attracted not only into surgery but particularly into cardiothoracic surgery. We have therefore always taken any opportunity to liaise with the medical students and have provided speakers for their local associations. We have taken part in the BMA Careers Fair.

We see an improvement in the number of potential posts over the next few years and indeed having appointed 5 ST3s last year, our SAC and the Workforce Planning Group at Department of Health see a potential for between 15 and 20 each year over the next few years.

I have forwarded your letter to Steve Hunter who is the Cardiothoracic Dean for our Society – he acts as the link for career advice from medical students up to the ranks of the trainees.

Yours sincerely

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President