



# New consultants forum

## 17 November 2026 | Virtual

2 CPD  
credits

Programme

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| 13.00 | <b>Welcome and introduction</b><br><b>Chairs</b> – Dr Lucy Turner and Dr Matt Pavitt                                                                                                            |
| 13.05 | <b>Career guidance: the Cinderella of medical education</b><br><b>Dr Caroline Elton</b> , former head of the London Deanery Careers Unit, founder of Career Planning for Doctors                |
| 13.40 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13.45 | <b>Balancing a managerial role</b><br><b>Dr Lee Claridge</b> , consultant hepatologist, clinical lead and deputy clinical support unit lead, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust                 |
| 14.15 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 14.20 | <b>Comfort break</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14.30 | <b>Job planning</b><br><b>Dr Shanika Samarasekera</b> , RCP regional adviser; consultant neurologist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust |
| 15.00 | <b>Q&amp;A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 15.05 | <b>Peer-to-peer forum</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15.20 | <b>Closing remarks</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 15.30 | <b>Close</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |