

## **SOM DOcc Med meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting**

The meeting started with a welcome from Dr Shriti Pattani, SOM President, and colleagues, Dr Bhavik Patel (who has offered to lead the group) and Dr Kabir Varghese.

There was a **presentation** on a new survey of Occupational Medicine Diplomates survey from Dr Vaughan Parsons, Kings College, London - attached

### **Challenges for Occupational Medicine Diplomates**

Employment opportunities - noted that the SOM/FOM/NSOH placement spreadsheet as attached could be used to find roles in the commercial sector and NHS. Noted there were often bureaucratic hurdles in joining a commercial company. Noted OH for GPs was limited

### **Support that would help Diplomates**

Agreed a community of practice was needed e.g. support from the NHS and commercial providers.

More PR on a career on Occupational Medicine e.g. see video at

<https://youtu.be/KuiC2NaSMs0>

Also need practical tools from SOM membership such as report writing (see recent online seminar on this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq8kS1WU6BQ>)

### **Agreed to:**

- **establish a SOM voluntary register for Diplomates and candidates – do sign up at <https://www.som.org.uk/som-free-voluntary-register-doctors-who-have-completed-docc-med-and-docc-med-candidates#>**
- **Dr Patel offered to establish a WhatsApp group – do sign up at:**

Diplomates OH group  
[chat.whatsapp.com](https://chat.whatsapp.com)

- ask SOM Regional Groups to host a Docc Med group so they can consult with each other and more senior colleagues - to be agreed at SOM Council next month
- a toolkit for Diplomates – any volunteers to help develop?

### **For information:**

- SOM Job opportunities (including for Occupational Medicine Diplomates) at <https://www.som.org.uk/current-vacancies>
- SOM/FOM/NOSH Mentoring and work experience list – attached
- Pay information – at <https://www.paulmcgovern.co.uk/post/oh-doctor-salaries-in-the-uk-ask-an-occupational-physician>
- OH Academy with SOM Diplomates preparation courses - see <https://occupationalhealthacademy.co.uk/>
- SOM's Autumn Magazine [here](#)