



UK Fellowship Questionnaire

Did the Fellowship fulfil the BOFAS criteria Yes

A good quality F&A Fellowship should provide a balance between surgical practice in theatre and of decision-making in outpatients, with at least two clinics and at least three theatre sessions per week. There should be a regular multi-disciplinary team meeting, study leave with both protected time and a budget, a paid session for research or audit and a clear mechanism for feedback.

Please answer these questions in the free text box below.

1. Which Year?
2. What was the annualised total number in your log book? (ie if 6/12 then double)
3. What was the % of cases that you were the lead surgeon for most of the procedure?
4. How many academic publications are you highly likely to submit from your Fellowship (be honest)?
5. What were the highlights?

1. April to October 2024

2. ~360

3. ~80% with many cases training juniors

4. 1

5. This is primarily a foot and ankle trauma fellowship with a 2 week schedule providing 6-7 sessions of trauma and one fracture clinic. The elective provision is less reliable with 2-4 sessions of elective theatre and 1 elective clinic. There is a weekly MDT.

The consultants are very hands-off allowing the fellow to lead the theatre lists, either as the primary surgeon or training junior trainees, which is ideal to allow the development of surgical skills, trouble shooting and training style. The trauma lists are usually foot and ankle specific with a good frequency of lis franc, calcaneum and complex ankle/pilon fractures. There is limited exposure to circular frames for trauma. There is close relationship with plastic surgeons for the open fractures.

The elective theatre lists are primarily forefoot with a few midfoot and hindfoot cases.

Academic provision is possible but is under the fellow's own initiative.

The overall department is very friendly and this is a recommended trauma fellowship. A fellow looking for lots of elective operating with complex hindfoot and ankle cases, e.g. total ankle replacement, would be disappointed.