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General requirements for Subspecialty Training Centres

To be eligible for subspecialty training a centre must:

- i) provide a service for the referral and transfer of patients who would benefit from subspecialty facilities, expertise and experience.
- ii) have established close collaboration with related disciplines to provide the high degree of teamwork and concentration of resources for the intensive investigation and management of such patients;
- iii) have established close collaboration with other obstetricians and gynaecologists and related specialists within and outwith the centre, including major regional roles in continuing postgraduate education and training, research advice and co-ordination, and audit;
- iv) have an adequate workload providing a full range of experience in the subspecialty; (minimum number of surgical procedures (for prolapse, incontinence) per year 150, (recommended 100 prolapse surgery, 100 incontinence procedures) alternatively two or more centres may combine to provide a programme with all the required experience;
- v) have a programme director who will co-ordinate the training programme, accept the main responsibility for its supervision and be actively involved in it; when more than one centre provides the programme, there must be a supervisor at each centre, with one having overall responsibility as director. Directors and supervisors will be consultants with special experience in the relevant subspecialty field, and with the eventual development of subspecialisation the directors and supervisors will themselves be trained subspecialists. If the programme director changes the programme an training centre will be revisited
- vi) have adequate medical staffing to enable the trainee to be engaged in his/her subspecialty field on a full-time basis (or in the case of a part-time trainee, during all of his/her normal working hours); participation in emergency and on-call work outside normal working hours is not excluded, subject to approval by the Subspecialty Committee.
- vii) have adequate library, laboratory and other resources to support subspecialty work, training and research.
- viii) provide the resources for a research programme related to the subspecialty.