

Basic Specialist Training exam in September and November 2020 were included. The respondents were interviewed by Zoom which were transcribed verbatim. Data was coded using NVivo20 pro and Braun and Clarke thematic analysis was used to draw various themes and subthemes.

**Results:** A total of seven candidates and seven examiners from different training deaneries and specialties were interviewed with average duration of 29m 45s and 24m 20s respectively. The participants were largely satisfied with the online examination but did not consider it equal to face-to-face for picking nonverbal cues. The candidates were very conscious of eye contact while examiners placed more emphasis on overall professional behavior and patient engagement. All candidates preferred to continue online format post pandemic for practical reasons e.g., avoiding travel and overnight stay, while all examiners preferred to go back to in-person Objective Structured Clinical Examination due to some limitations in assessing physical and cognitive examination. However, continuation of online Clinical Formulation and Management Examination was agreed by both groups.

**Conclusions:** The results of the study have shown different insights of two important stakeholders in a professional postgraduate psychiatry examination which can be useful to improve same exam and design similar assessments in other settings.

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## EPV1607

### Local Attitudes towards Postgraduate Psychiatry Training: A Maltese Perspective

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**Introduction:** The updated programme for postgraduate psychiatry training in Malta was implemented in 2017. The trainees' perspective was identified as an important and untapped resource in implementing positive change.

**Objectives:** 1. Identification of lacunae within the training programme 2. Acquire ideas regarding new initiatives 3. Identify what is particularly good. 4. Present a comprehensive report to the relevant stakeholders 5. Use of findings to work on concrete changes, with re-audit in 1 year.

**Methods:** Data from a national online survey of 12 Maltese Psychiatric Trainees from a total of 19 (63%% response rate) were examined. Both qualitative and quantitative data was gathered by making use of Likert scales as well as open ended questions. Various areas were surveyed, including 1. Ease of accessibility and quality of Clinical Supervision & Educational Supervision 2. Lectures and Teaching Seminars 3. After hours Duties 4. Psychotherapy Module 5. Preparation for MRCpsych Examinations

**Results:** A noticeable difficulty in accessing clinical supervision (66%), the lack of research presentation opportunities (75%), as well as difficulties in the psychotherapy module (66.7%) were noted.

**Conclusions:** All results were collated into a six-page report. This report was presented to both the Maltese Postgraduate Training

Committee as well as the Executive committee of the Maltese Association of Psychiatry and the Chairman of the Psychiatry Department. Various suggestions were flagged for Implementation including: 1. Rotation specific teaching 2. Restructure of the Psychotherapy module including training 3. Annual Research Day 4. Complex Case Discussions Follow up plans include reaudit in one year following the implemented changes.

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### Joint Forces for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Training: 1st ESCAP/UEMS-CAP/EFPT Training Day for CAP Trainees

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**Introduction:** As the Covid-19 pandemic brought about travel and social restrictions, many activities including specialty training events for medical specialty trainees moved online. The European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees, European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Section of UEMS joined forces to turn challenges into an opportunity for CAP trainees and jointly organized the 1st ESCAP/UEMS-CAP/EFPT Training Day.

**Objectives:** The main aim was to offer CAP trainees throughout Europe high quality and up to date training content free of charge, making use of the different strengths of the organizing associations.

**Methods:** Content of the Training Day was prepared according to feedback and demand from CAP trainees, collected through a questionnaire prior to the event. This event took place online and ran 9 webinars/workshops as well as a plenary case session where trainees presented real life cases made more challenging with the pandemic and representatives from 3 organizing associations discussed the cases from different perspectives. Remaining webinars/workshops covered a wide range of themes including but not limited to research, leadership, administrative and management skills as well as scientific topics such as eating disorders, medically unexplained symptoms, psychosis.

**Results:** Almost 200 CAP trainees from 31 countries participated in the event and received certificates of completion. The outcome of the event is being evaluated via quantitative and qualitative methods and similar events will be planned accordingly.

**Conclusions:** 1st ESCAP/UEMS-CAP/EFPT Training Day for CAP trainees was a success for reaching many trainees from across Europe and experimenting with different formats which will inspire future initiatives.

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