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Great news for FCPs!

SOMM's Diploma in Musculoskeletal Medicine (previously the SOM Diploma in Orthopaedic Medicine), with a **one-day Top Up course**, has been accredited by Health Education England (HEE) as **Stage 1** of the **HEE Roadmap for First Contact and Advanced Practitioners in Primary Care (Musculoskeletal)**.

The requirements of Stage 1 of the Roadmap taught route have been cross referenced to our SOMM Diploma in Musculoskeletal Medicine and this, with the Top Up Day assessment and a series of HEE's e-learning certificates, provides evidence of your Stage 1 completion. This is particularly relevant if you are applying for or are currently in a First Contact Practitioner in primary care role.

If this is you - or a colleague or friend - then you will want to know more we're sure. You can find out more information about the **Top Up Day** [here](#) -and specifically about the **entry requirement** [here](#).

Emily Goodlad explains more in this short **video** [here](#)



Two dates have been planned so far - **Saturday 5th June 2021** and **Friday 18th June 2021**

The exciting programme for the day is [here](#). Please apply through our [website](#).

Virtual 'Foundation in MSK' courses

We had two virtual 'Foundation in Musculoskeletal Medicine module' courses in February 2021 - a Unit 1 course (led by Graeme Searle) and a Unit 2 course (led by Johnny Smith). Each course had 23 students!

It was encouraging to see the changes in diversity of our students attending the Foundation course. We had FCP, AP and Band 5/6 physiotherapists, GPs, a pain consultant, rheumatologist, anaesthetist, orthopaedic surgeon, rehabilitation consultant, clinical pharmacist, osteopaths - and even a physiotherapist from Los Angeles! A real multi-professional course for those who want to consolidate their MSK skills and knowledge!



Face-to-face courses

We are pleased to resume our face-to-face courses from the 22nd April 2021, in line with current government guidelines.

SOMM has completed a risk assessment and will continue to put enhanced measures into place, to ensure a safe and happy learning environment.

We have scheduled 12 face-to-face courses between mid-April and the end of June this year, including the Foundation in MSK medicine module, injection therapy and advancing practice modules - and more later in the year. See our [website](#) for dates and details.

We can't wait to have you back in person!



(It's amazing what a search for a 'face-to-face' image suggests... No offence!)

New Module Coordinator

Congratulations to **Darren Collin** who takes on the role of Module Coordinator of SOMM's 'Advancing Practice in MSK Medicine' module.



Darren is a physiotherapist based in the north west working in the NHS as a First Contact Practitioner. He has been a SOMM fellow since 2018 and teaches on the Foundation courses as well. He's very much looking forward to leading the module, which plays a key role in a practitioner's pathway to advanced practice and is an optional module as part of SOMM's MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine programme.

Join the SOMM Team

SOMM Members are welcome to apply to become a SOMM Fellow. We've got some exciting new ventures coming up in the next year or two (more details soon) and, looking to the future, there's room in the SOMM Team.

Contact admin@sommcourses.org for more information on how to apply.

Take care - and see you soon!



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