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Dear Professor MacFie,

Many thanks for presenting the position statement (between ASGBI, BAPS and BAUS) on the management of emergency surgery at the general, paediatric and urology surgery interface at the RCSEng Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015. ASiT commends the effort to improve the emergency care in children. However, I must voice concerns regarding the proposal for Urology trainees up to an as yet undetermined level to provide cover on a combined emergency rota. If implemented, this proposal jeopardises a significant amount of elective training opportunities for Urology trainees, many of whom undertake urology on-call rather than shift cover; this will inevitably impact on the achievement of competencies and indicative numbers required for CCT. It should also be recognised that whilst some general surgical operative experience is beneficial for Urology trainees, out of hours cover will not provide such training experiences.

This issue was discussed at the JCST meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015. It was agreed that such cover did not always provide good training and that problems needed to be addressed at a service level (as detailed in the minutes).

Whilst we are in an era when the Shape of Training reforms have yet to be piloted and are still under debate, I respectfully but strongly urge you to reconsider your stance on this issue.

Yours sincerely,



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