**ACTING UP AS A CONSULTANT**

* The trainee must be in their final year of training (pro-rata for LTFT trainees), on an ARCP Outcome 1 and have passed the Part 2 FRCOphth examination.
* The maximum duration for AUC is 3 months.
* The trainee must remain with their named Educational Supervisor whilst acting up as a consultant so that the period is covered by them in respect of an Educational Supervisor Report (ESR).
* There must be a named Clinical Supervisor in the same unit to whom the trainee can turn for advice and assistance.
* The post must be with an already GMC-approved Local Education Provider.
* Posts should preferably be within the trainee’s NHS England/Deanery training programme. If an AUC is undertaken outside the NHS England/Deanery, then the latter’s permission for an OOPT is required.
* Additional College approval is not required if the AUC is within the trainee’s NHS England/Deanery training programme.
* The post must be termed ‘acting up’, and on no account must the term ‘locum’ be used.
* The trainee will retain their National Training Number (NTN) during the period of acting up.
* Doctors who are post-CCT will not be eligible to ‘act up’ and will be expected to take up the post of locum consultant – they will be asked to resign their NTN upon taking a locum consultant post.
* The College will not support AUC posts in units where there are fewer than 2 consultant colleagues.