should be a central Scottish pool of part-time senior registrar posts for which trainees would apply and if accepted would take up the posts in their local approved sr rotation scheme, with the Health Board being provided with funding to pay the salaries. As it is unlikely that new jobs will be created, this scheme would involve areas donating existing posts (perhaps one whole-time equivalent post each from Aberdeen and Dundee and two whole-time equivalent posts each from Glasgow and Edinburgh) to this central pool. The working group felt that with part-time posts being scarce it is unreasonable that one trainee should occupy such a post, particularly in the sub-specialties, for six years and that contracts in part-time posts should be held for a period of three years in the first instance. It was agreed to take these proposals to the Collegiate Trainees' Committee for further consideration.

The whole of Scotland is considered as a single division by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and because of its geography and the large numbers of trainees in Scotland, opportunities to meet as a group are rare. It was noted that those attending were predominantly SHOs and registrars and that relatively few trainees came from the larger centres of Edinburgh and Glasgow. The reason for this bias towards junior trainees from peripheral hospitals is difficult to explain. It may be that this group feels more vulnerable academically and politically and feels more need to keep up to date on these issues. It was certainly useful for the CTC representatives to hear the views of a group generally underrepresented within the College and we hope that we will be able to reflect their views over the coming years. It is now CTC policy for representatives to meet with trainees at least twice a year. It could be difficult to have a full Scottish Meeting twice yearly and perhaps this requirement would be better fulfilled by arranging meetings within smaller areas such as already happens in Glasgow.

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