

Transition plan Neurosurgery curriculum from February 2026

The February 2026 curriculum includes key revisions to ensure the curriculum remains aligned with modern neurosurgical practice. We propose that all trainees move to the revised curriculum from **February 2026**. Given the minimal impact of the changes, no phased transition is necessary.

Training Programme Directors and Assigned Educational Supervisors should make provision at the earliest opportunity to allow for trainees to adapt their training accordingly.

Details about the changes and why they have been made can be found [here](#).

Training level to be entered on or after February 2026	Requirement	Guidance
ST1	Use the new curriculum	Trainees entering specialty training must follow the new curriculum from the start of the specialty programme.
ST2-7		Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new training placement.
ST8	Remain or Transfer	Trainees in the final phase of specialty training may remain on the previous curriculum.
Out of Programme (OOP)	Transfer	Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new training placement unless they return to the final phase of training when they may finish training on the previous curriculum.
Statutory leave (e.g. maternity/paternity/adoption leave)	Transfer	Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new training placement unless they are in the final phase of training when they may finish training on the previous curriculum.
Less than full time (LTFT)	Transfer	Trainees must follow the new curriculum as they move into a new training placement unless they are in the final phase of training when they may finish training on the previous curriculum.
Portfolio pathway applicants	Remain or Transfer	If applicants wish to apply under the previous curriculum they may do so for up to 12 months from release of the new curriculum