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Activity Summary	Since my last report the following is a summary of activity as far as the exam and JCIE is concerned: 1. Electronic marking is being explored for the Section 2 of the exam but will take some time to be fully operational and no pilot dates have been set yet. 2. There is an exponential increase in candidates applying for differential attainment and extra time through neurodiversity which adds more strain on the exam team to finish the exam in a timely manner. 3. Leave approval for examiners continues to prove challenging and the ask is for JCIE chair to write to the Chief executives/Medical directors for understanding that it is important for examiners to participate in the interest of future trainees and colleagues. 4. A draft documentation is being prepared to help recruit examiners in terms of explaining the valuable role they play and its overall benefits which will hopefully be published on ASGBI website. 5. Real patient swill continue to be used in Clinical stations until further review. 6. Use of AI is being explored especially in question writing and may increase question output. Further details are awaited om its application once its been scoped and a position paper is validated. 6. SAC membership is stretched and needs some robust recruitment 7. The next diet of section 2 is on 27 May 2026 is in Newcastle and 128 candidates are sitting this exam. 8. New chair of JCIE has been appointed to replace Mr Mike Lewis. Mr Ronan Dardis is the new chair and was former Neurosurgery Board chair and has started in January 2026. 9. The next diet of Section 2 of JSCFE exam for international FRCS will be held in Edinburgh in November and will be the last diet of this exam. Currently the number of candidates stands at 14 but that could increase slightly after the last diet of Part A exam in June. 10. Finally there will be a slight increase in the exam fees next year by 2–3% As far as my role representing ASGBI is concerned I continue to find it interesting and rewarding. Attending JCIE board meetings 3 times a year and listening to various aspects of the exam and any current developments and changes keeps me updated which I can feedback back to the wider surgical community via ASGBI.
Publications / Guidelines	Nil.
Significant Events	Nil



Meetings Held	JCIE Board meeting, held on 29 April 2026.
Key Relationships	JCIE, JSCFE
Acknowledgements	Thankful to JCIE board
Aims and Objectives for next period	Continue to represent ASGBI at JCIE Board meetings and feedback relevant information regarding the FRCS exam and any future developments.

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