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Position / Function	ASGBI Representative for Northern Ireland
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Activity Summary	Over the last 12 months, activity as ASGBI Northern Ireland Representative has focused on strengthening engagement between ASGBI and surgical services across Northern Ireland, improving the visibility of ASGBI opportunities, and supporting two-way communication between Northern Ireland units and ASGBI Council. Particular emphasis has been placed on encouraging Northern Ireland surgeons and trainees to participate in ASGBI activity, including membership, national meetings, webinars, committee work, abstract submission, and ASGBI. Endorsed educational events (ASGBI Congress, EGS meeting, etc).
Publications / Guidelines	During the reporting period, ASGBI-related publications, consensus statements, and guideline outputs have been promoted within Northern Ireland where relevant to emergency general surgery, elective general surgery, training, standards, and service improvement.
Meetings Held	Meetings attended or convened during the reporting period including regional representative meetings, ASGBI congress, EGS day have supported communication between ASGBI Council and Northern Ireland surgical services, while also providing opportunities to raise issues relevant to local consultants and trainees.
Key Relationships	Key relationships have been maintained and developed with Northern Ireland surgical bodies, training programme leadership, the deanery/School of Surgery, trainee representatives, and industry partners supporting education and service development. A particular area of focus has been the expansion and governance of robotic surgery services across Northern Ireland trusts as well as implementation of NELA national standards. Continued collaboration will be required to support standardised training pathways, appropriate case selection, audit, proctoring, credentialing, and equitable access to learning opportunities for trainees.
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Aims and Objectives for next period	Encouraging ASGBI participation in Northern Ireland



	- Increase ASGBI membership and engagement among Northern Ireland consultants and trainees. - Encourage increased abstract submissions, faculty involvement, webinar participation, and attendance at national ASGBI meetings. - Develop a more consistent communication route between ASGBI Council, Northern Ireland units, training leads, and trainee representatives. Robotic services across Northern Ireland trusts - Support the maturation of the new robotic programmes and promote uniform standards of governance, audit, proctoring, credentialing, and multidisciplinary learning across trusts. - Encourage standardised training pathways for consultants and trainees, aligned where possible with ASGBI educational offerings and relevant national standards. - Promote equitable trainee exposure to open, laparoscopic, and robotic surgery, recognising the changing operative landscape within general surgery. Future ASGBI-supported events in Northern Ireland - Plan at least 1–2 ASGBI-supported Northern Ireland educational event(s), or webinar(s), with themes to include emergency general surgery, colorectal surgery, upper gastrointestinal surgery, training, leadership, or robotic surgery. - Identify opportunities for Northern Ireland faculty and trainee speakers to contribute to ASGBI national or regional programmes. Surgical training in Northern Ireland - Work with training programme leadership and trainee representatives to identify strengths and gaps in general and emergency surgical training, including the impact of rota pressures and service demands. - Use ASGBI networks to support trainee access to educational resources, audit and quality improvement opportunities, presentation opportunities, and mentorship
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