

Welcome to the South Thames Foundation School – Programme Group Ranking

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Developing people
for health and
healthcare



Our programmes

800+ x 2
year
programmes
in 18 acute
and 6 mental
health trusts
plus local
GP practices
and
community
services



Allocation to 2 year programmes

- 2 stage process using Oriel
- 1 – ranking to 5 programme groups
 - Coast and country
 - London links 1
 - London links 3
 - Continuity
 - London links 2
- 2 – ranking programmes in that group after Programme Fair

Programme composition

- 2 years in the same or 2 different places
 - Some trusts have more than one site
 - Some hospitals in STFS have similar names
- Generally no more than 1 year in a teaching hospital
- 22.5% of F1s and 22.5% of F2s have 4/12 psychiatry placement
- All have 4/12 based in the community
- Spreadsheet of programmes on STFS website

Programme composition and linkages

Usually 3 x 4/12 posts in each year

F1 programme

(eg 4/12 geriatric medicine/ 4/12 gastroenterology/ 4/12 surgery at Ashford)

linked to F2 programme

(eg 4/12 emergency medicine / 4/12 GP / 4/12 cardiology at Brighton)



What should you be aiming for?

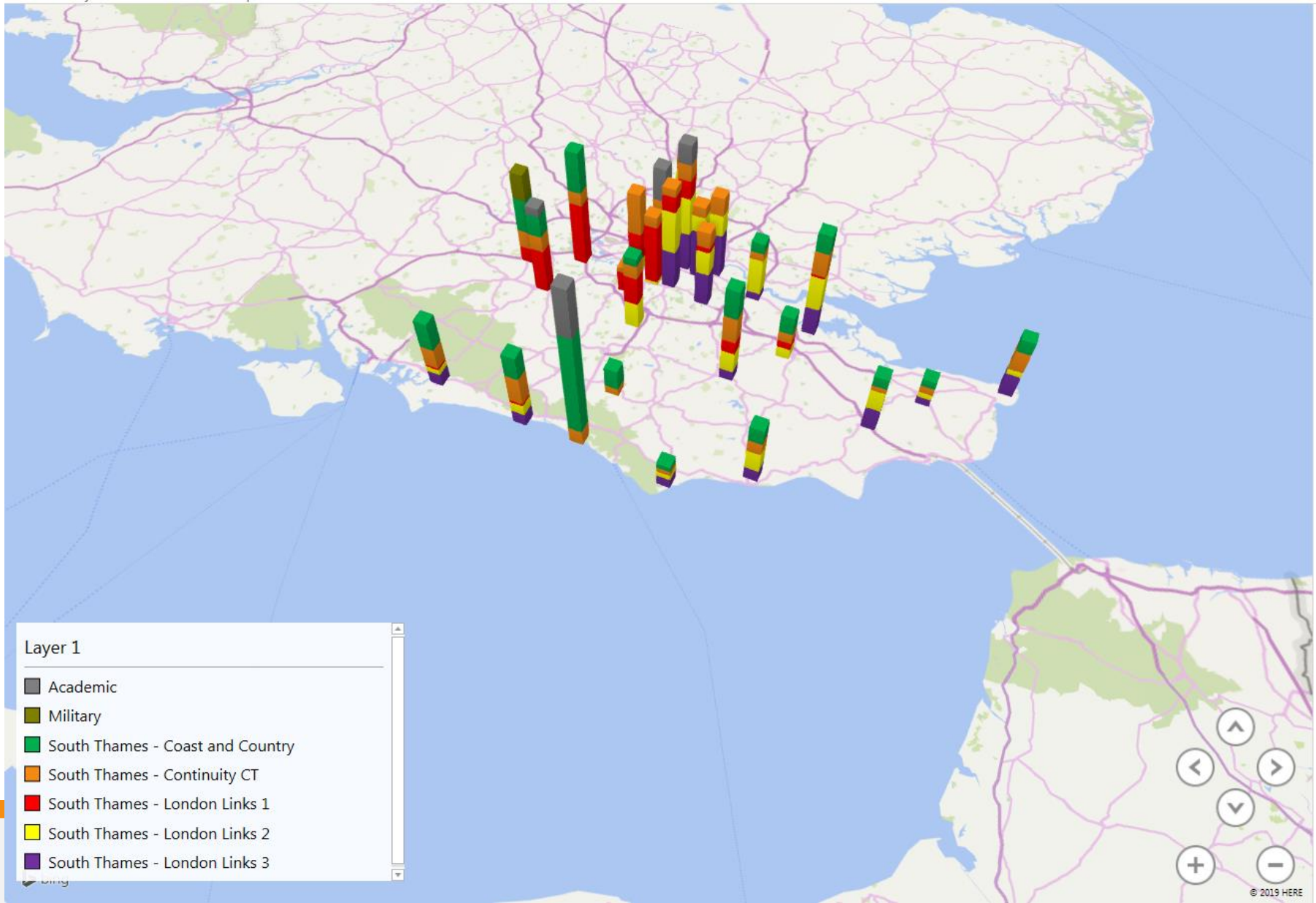
- **Breadth**
 - specialty
 - location
 - ways of working
- **Opportunities to try out specialties**
- **Gain relevant competences / develop your portfolio**
- **Complementary areas**



2021 Dates for F1 allocation

- **11th March**- Standard Foundation allocation results released
- **17th March** **Oriel closes for group allocation – 12noon**
- **22nd March** – Group match results
- **22nd March** Programme preferencing opens
- **30th March** – Oriel closes for programme ranking 12 noon
- **8th April** applicants notified of programme result

Programme groups . . .



Strategic Considerations

Advantages of going outside London

1. Less competitive
2. More appreciated
3. Social aspects
4. Cheaper
5. Better access to a variety of clinical presentations and procedures

***Most people enjoy their foundation training
wherever they go and
whatever they do***



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