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More new doctors choosing to stay in the North-West

Graduates of the UTAS Rural Clinical School have secured nine of the 12 internships offered by Tasmanian Health Organisation - North West – a significant increase on previous years.

The addition of two more intern training posts at the Mersey Hospital, one in emergency medicine and the other in general surgery, also increased the number of jobs available to local graduates.

Rural Clinical School medical education advisor Rose Winter said that last year Rural Clinical School graduates filled three of nine positions offered.

“It’s a good news story for this region and it’s important that the community realises that the hard work of health professionals supervising medical students in this region is having an impact on the nature of the workforce,” Mrs Winter said.

“Our new intern group includes three RCS international students who have chosen to stay on at the North West Coast having trained here, which is terrific.”

Mrs Winter said that all UTAS graduates of the Rural Clinical school had found work in Tasmania and on the mainland despite increased competition.

“In competing for jobs interstate the RCS graduates have done well, supporting our view that training in this region is of a very high standard.

“Those who have chosen to stay in the region have commented that the transition to their intern year seems to be straightforward and that their confidence levels are high.

“Patients benefit when young doctors know the hospital community well and are familiar with all the systems.”

The nine interns have just completed one week of intensive orientation at the NWRH and are now able to put their medical skills to work as they go about their rounds on the wards and assist with surgical procedures in theatre.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

The media is invited to interview the newest interns at the NWRH and talk to UTAS Rural Clinical School staff.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 29, 1.30pm-2.30pm

WHERE: UTAS Rural Clinical School campus at the North West Regional Hospital, Brickport Rd, Burnie.

WHO: Most of the nine new interns will be available for interview and can be photographed or filmed in a clinical setting or on the hospital wards.

UTAS Rural Clinical School associate head Dr Lizzie Shires, Tasmanian Health Organisation director of clinical training Dr Corrine Ginifer and Rural Clinical School medical education advisor Rose Winter will attend.

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