

## UK DCTN SpR Fellowship Experience Dr John Ingram



Not yet twelve months into the UK DCTN SpR Fellowship it has already provided extensive exposure to critical appraisal and clinical trial design and logistics. I have learnt a great deal about the review of randomised controlled trials, a process that has led to the drafting of a research commentary, to be submitted for publication. This has been supported by attendance at the BEES Evidence-Based Dermatology Course. Becoming a member of the Network Steering Committee has provided hands-on experience of clinical trial design. Discussion with Trial Managers during my visit to the Dermatology Clinical Trials Network base has allowed me to appreciate all the aspects of trial development from initial idea to a fully funded multi-centre trial. I have joined the STOP-GAP trial team preparing for a randomised trial of pyoderma gangrenosum treatment, which has given first-hand experience of the challenges of clinical research. The Fellowship has provided a unique insight into the process of extending the evidence-base in dermatology and has given me many more tools to help apply the evidence in clinical practice. I look forward to year two of the Fellowship!