
UK Medical Schools Annual Return 2009/10: QABME

Newcastle

The QABME Annual Return Process

Every year, each medical school must provide a return to the GMC that:

- a. Identifies significant changes to curricula, assessments or staffing.
- b. Highlights risks or issues of concern, proposed solutions and corrective actions taken.
- c. Identifies examples of innovation and good practice.
- d. Responds to issues of interest and debate in medical education, including promoting equality and valuing diversity.
- e. Identifies progress on any requirements or recommendations arising from the QABME visit process.

In April 2009 we signalled that we would be requesting an enhanced annual return. It has been expanded to include a request for self-assessment of progress on the implementation of *Tomorrow's Doctors* 2009. This is to ensure a continuing oversight of undergraduate medical education and to begin benchmarking all schools against the revised standards. The full enhanced annual return from Schools will not be published, however we intend to publish a summary report or reports of key issues and challenges and to share practice that might be of use to other schools.

The data returns for Section A on action on requirements and recommendations from previous QABME reports are published on the GMC website.

Basic Information

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Section A - Response to previous QABME requirements and recommendations

For all schools except those reviewed in 2008/09

Since submission of the School's previous Annual Return at http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/undergraduate/undergraduate_ga/medical_school_reports.asp, please answer the following questions:

1. For any requirements, state those that have been fully completed or not been fully implemented providing an explanation indicating how they have been addressed.

If the School did not have any requirements in its last report or the requirements were fully met and reported in a previous annual return please check the box

Tomorrow's doctors 2003 area	Requirement	Action taken – If none, explain why	Contact	Supporting documents list	Timeline

2. For any recommendations, state those that have been fully completed or not been fully implemented providing an explanation and indicating how they have been addressed.

If the School did not have any recommendations in its last report please check the box

Tomorrow's doctors 2003 area	Recommendation	Action taken – If none, explain why	Contact	Supporting documents list	Timeline
Curricular Outcomes	Provision of careers guidance in preparation for FP	Careers Working Group now embedded into the governance structure and collaborates successfully with the Northern Deanery Foundation School	Dr Richard Price Degree Programme Director, Accelerated Programme, T.R.H.Price@ncl.ac.uk 0191 2224535	Careers Working Group minutes BoMS minutes	Completed
Curricular content and structure	Changes to the teaching schedule for DUQC and discuss with Durham University	A review of curriculum content has now been completed by staff at DUQC. Some savings of time have been made but the course remains 3 weeks shorter than that delivered in Newcastle. N.B. Current Durham University regulations do not currently permit an extension of academic term dates but this is being re-examined at University level following a recent Enhancement led Subject Review	Professor JC McLachlan Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medicine Durham University, Queens Campus J.C.McLachlan@durham.ac.uk 0191 3340323	MBBS Management Committee minutes	Ongoing

Delivering the curriculum	Ensure consistency of opportunity across all placements in general practice	Students undertake their end of placement assessment with a different Practice from that which they studied with. This has identified some areas which have been addressed by the Senior Medical Tutors. Good supporting documentation is supplied to all the GPs involved in delivering the curriculum and regular meetings are held each year with the Senior Medical Tutors.	Professor JA Spencer Sub-Dean for Primary and Community Care, J.A.Spencer@ncl.ac.uk 0191 2225437	Primary Care Annual Quality Monitoring Meetings	Completed
	Review the process by which its SSC supervisors provide guidance in a timely manner	All guidance is reviewed on an annual basis. Feedback from students in respect of their SSC placements are viewed by the SSC Convenor. Students are now only required to select two of their three SSC periods in September (prior to placements in January and February) and select the third in January (placement in April)	Mrs C Emmerson, Convenor, Student Selected Components	SSC Study Guide	Completed

3. Please identify any planned changes or improvements as part of the School's continuous improvement and quality management regarding any aspect of the School's undergraduate degree/s **that are not** part of the School's response to *Tomorrow's Doctors 2009*.

Tomorrow's doctors 2003 area	Changes	Action	Contact	Supporting documents list	Timeline