

Briefing note 3 – Annex B

Programme specific questions for Foundation programme doctors in training.

The following pages contain the programme specific questions for doctors in training completing their foundation programme included in the 2024 National Training Survey.

- Each row represents an individual question (or the text on the page).
- The first column shows the question code.
- Branching is shown in the final column.
- These questions will be presented to Foundation trainees based on their training level.

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| FOPRQ120 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I was adequately prepared for my first foundation post. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |

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| FOPRQ142 | If applicable, which of the following factors do you think contributed to you feeling less prepared? (Tick all that apply) | Not applicable – I felt adequately prepared Geographical re-location Lack of information about support for re-location (e.g. removal expenses) Living away from family / limited support networks in my training location Working in a different type of hospital or health system, compared to previous experience (e.g., working in Scotland after training in England, moving from a district general hospital to an acute trust etc) Lack of contacts (friends/family etc) already working in the NHS to talk to Late notice of my training location Late notice of my rota Limited knowledge of the day-to-day reality of working as a foundation doctor Lack of information on escalating concerns/speaking up, contact points etc. Inadequate training in how to use the IT hardware / software in my hospital Lack of knowledge and guidance on the paperwork and documentation required for a foundation post Medical school curriculum didn't sufficiently cover the required clinical knowledge Other | Select as many as apply | | F1 |
| FOPRQ121 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My skills in clinical practical procedures were adequate to prepare me for my first foundation post. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |
| FOPRQ143 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My clinical knowledge was adequate to prepare me for my first foundation post. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |
| FOPRQ144 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My skills in the diagnosis and management of patient presentations were adequate to prepare me for my first foundation post. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |

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| FOPRQ122 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My skills in the early management of acutely ill patients were adequate to prepare me for my first foundation post. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |
| FOPRQ123 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My skills in prescribing were adequate to prepare me for my first foundation post. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |
| FOPRQ133 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The Placement Supervision Group (PSG) is an effective feedback tool for my professional development. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |
| FOPRQ134 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The summary narrative is helping me plan the evidence I need to achieve the curriculum outcomes. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |
| FOPRQ135 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I have been able to gain sufficient experience of mental health conditions in my posts to enable me to complete the relevant Supervised Learning Events (SLEs). | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 |
| FOPRQ125 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I gained enough clinical experience during F1 to prepare me for the transition to F2. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree | Select one answer only | | F2 |
| FOPRQ136 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My e-portfolio is a useful record that will enable me to access future career opportunities. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F2 |
| FOPRQ137 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Doctors from certain backgrounds are disadvantaged in achieving the Foundation curriculum (2021) requirements (e.g. those with protected characteristics, international medical graduates and those working less than full time). | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F2 |

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| FOPRQ138 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My supervisor understands my needs as a Foundation doctor. | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F2 |
| FOPRQ139 | Do you have time in your working week to keep your e-portfolio up to date? | Yes Once or twice per month I have to catch up in my own time No I have to do most of it in my own time | Select one answer only | | F2 |
| FOPRQ128 | Please select which (if any) of the following curriculum competencies/outcomes/activities you had not fully met or undertaken by the end of the last training year, but would have expected to. Gaps may have occurred for any reason. (tick all that apply) | N/A - I had reached all my required curriculum outcomes and/or experiences Clinical outcomes/competencies Experience in clinical settings Operative or procedural outcomes/competencies Experience in operative/practical procedures Passing of relevant exams Workplace-based assessments Completion of courses relevant for my specialty Research Audit Teaching Quality improvement Management and leadership skills Other non-clinical skills Not applicable | Select as many as apply | | F1 F2 |
| FOPRQ131 | We'd like to know how any changes in working arrangements to manage the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic may have affected your current training year. Please select the one description that best fits your experience from the following: | I've developed clinical skills I would not have otherwise gained I've developed professional/wider skills I would not have otherwise gained There's been no change - my training continued as normal I've worked in a service provision role that has slowed down my training I've worked in a service provision role that has had no benefit at all for my training Other | Select one answer only | | F1 F2 |
| FOPRQ141 | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement? My core teaching sessions cover all fifteen specific areas of core teaching listed in the curriculum. Please select the one description that best fits your experience from the following: | Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know | Select one answer only | | F1 F2 |

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| UKMEDQ101 | Upon completion of the foundation programme, which specialty for further training (or other option) do you currently expect to be your first choice? | Anaesthetics (core or ACCS) Core medical training Surgical training (core surgical training or surgical specialty started at ST1) Emergency Medicine (including ACCS - Emergency Medicine) ACCS - Intensive Care Medicine General Practice Obstetrics and gynaecology Ophthalmology Paediatrics Pathology specialties Psychiatry Public Health Radiology Academic Clinical Fellowship Undecided (still considering between specialties) I intend to leave or take a break from training | Select one answer only | 'I intend to leave or take a break from training' branches to UKMEDQ104 | F1, F2 |
| UKMEDQ103 | Thinking about the answer you gave in the previous question, please indicate which of the following was important in deciding your first choice of specialty. Please select as many as apply | Advice from seniors/consultants Financial rewards associated with specialty Intellectual challenge of specialty Good work/life balance in specialty Prestige associated with specialty The continuity of patient care provided in the specialty Geographical location of available posts in specialty Positive experience in clinical posting in specialty My skill set is well suited to the specialty My personality is well suited to the specialty | Select as many as apply | | F1, F2 |
| UKMEDQ104 | Which of the following best describes what you intend to do after you leave the foundation programme? Please select one option only. | Obtain a service post - i.e. work as a doctor but not in a training programme Take a career break i.e. return to practise medicine in the future Work as a doctor outside the UK (permanently) Work as a doctor outside the UK (temporarily) Leave medicine permanently Other | Select one answer only | | F1, F2 |
| UKMEDQ106 | If you selected other to the question above, please describe what you intend to do after you leave the foundation programme. | Free text | | | F1, F2 |

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| UKMEDQ105 | Thinking about the answer you gave to the previous question, please indicate which of the following were important to you in deciding to leave or take a break from training. Please select as many as apply. | Work/life balance Better financial rewards outside of UK training I want to gain further experience before making a decision Working in foundation programme placements has led to burnout My intellectual interests now lie elsewhere There is no specialty well suited to my personality A career break for family reasons None of the above | Select as many as apply | | F1, F2 |

Thank you for completing the questions about your specialty programme. Click next to move to the next section.