



## Doctor Support Service

Independent confidential support for doctors  
involved in a fitness to practise case



Having your fitness to practise investigated can be a very stressful experience. The General Medical Council (GMC) has commissioned the BMA to provide dedicated confidential emotional support to any doctor involved in a fitness to practise case, whether or not you are a BMA member.

## Emotional support in confidence

- You can call the service throughout your fitness to practise case for emotional support from a fellow doctor who is completely independent of the GMC.
- With sufficient notice, your supporter can accompany you if you are invited to a meeting with the GMC or if your case ends up at a hearing (for up to two days of the hearing).
- After a case has closed, you can also talk to your supporter about how you feel about the outcome.
- The dedicated telephone line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- The support service is completely independent of the GMC.

## Medical advice

Although staffed by doctors, the support service can't offer you medical advice. You should see your treating medical practitioner about medical issues.

## Legal advice

The service can't offer you legal advice. You should speak to your medical defence organisation or a solicitor for this.

Call now on 020 7383 6707 or email [doctorsupportservice@bma.org.uk](mailto:doctorsupportservice@bma.org.uk).

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