

# Annual Quality Assurance Summary

This summary forms part of our annual quality assurance to review how an organisation is meeting our standards for medical education and training as detailed in [Promoting excellence](#). It provides an overview of the QA activities undertaken over the course of a year and an overview of findings including any areas of notable practice or requirements and recommendations we have set. The summary is published.

<b>Organisation</b>	Defence Medical Postgraduate Deanery
<b>Review period</b>	May 2021 - May 2022 (Year 1)

## Overview of findings

<b>Overall findings statement</b>
<p>From the SAQ submission, the clarification of some points during the SAQ meeting and subsequent quality activities, we consider that Defence Postgraduate Medical Deanery (DPMD) is meeting the standards set out in the GMC's <i>Promoting excellence</i>.</p> <p>The QA activities that we have carried out in this annual cycle have provided good opportunities to observe how DPMD meets our standards Theme 2 (Educational governance and leadership).</p>

## Quality Activity undertaken

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Summary</b>
1	SAQ submission	10 May 2021	The SAQ was submitted on time and covered all five themes of <i>Promoting excellence</i> . The submission included a list of planned DPMD activities that we could observe for quality assurance purposes.

2	SAQ feedback meeting	23 April 2021	<p>This meeting was held to provide summarised feedback to DPMD on its 2021 SAQ submission, and to seek clarity and additional information on certain responses - as identified by the GMC following an analysis. The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss potential QA activities to undertake in this annual cycle.</p> <p>The activities were not selected because of any specific risks identified through the SAQ. Following this meeting, DPMD was provided with written feedback on the SAQ submission.</p>
3	Review of quality management processes and documents	<p>19 October 2021</p> <p>30 November 2021</p>	<p>This activity was listed on the SAQ by DPMD against Theme 1: Learning environment and culture and Theme 2: Educational governance and leadership.</p> <p>We reviewed DPMD's quality management processes to explore further how these work in practice, given DPMD's unique set up for training.</p> <p>As part of this, we reviewed DPMD's Quality Assurance and Governance Manual and a completed MOD form 424E outlining how a new learning provider is approved. We are pleased to see from these documents that GMC standards are given sufficient weighting within DPMD's quality framework, and that there is a real emphasis on triangulation of evidence. We encourage DPMD to review the manual to ensure it reflects current GMC quality assurance processes.</p> <p>We also reviewed two committees which have responsibility for quality management in general practice, the General Practice Education Committee and the General Practice Specialty board. We are pleased to see that these fora give DPMD the opportunity to receive information from various stakeholders, as well as to update stakeholders on pertinent quality issues in</p>

			<p>return. We are particularly pleased to see that trainees and trainers have the opportunity to provide feedback, and that actions and decisions from the meeting are clearly recorded.</p> <p>Overall, we believe DPMD has appropriate processes to manage the quality of medical education. These processes appear effective and clear and allow DPMD to act when standards are not met. It is clear the structure of these processes allow for information to be shared effectively between relevant stakeholders.</p>
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### Quality Reporting System (QRS)

We use the QRS to monitor concerns raised by organisation when they identify that our standards are not being met in a training environment. Concerns are managed locally by the responsible organisation until resolution.

Activity	Date	Summary
Quality Reporting System (QRS)	Ongoing	Defence Postgraduate Medical Deanery does not currently have any open items on the QRS. We encourage the deanery to inform the GMC of any specific quality issues should these meet the threshold for QRS monitoring.

### Next steps

#### Overall findings statement

The GMC's responses to the information submitted in the SAQ gives feedback on each theme to help DPMD complete the updates to the questionnaire in the next annual cycle. Full detail can be found in the feedback and includes updates on:

- Learning from concerns
- Recruitment, accreditation, training and support for educators
- Regional responsibilities of Military Associate Deans
- Civilian medical practitioners

- Quality dashboards
- Representation at ARCP panels
- Tri-service trainers conference
- Cross boundary postings
- GP placement capacity

## Organisation response

The organisation has the right to reply to the AQAS; if they have responded it will be included below.

### Organisation response

No response.