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Dear Anne,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Shared Outcome statements.

As you are aware, the GMC are currently working with key health, education and research organisations to promote the importance of having doctors involved in research and to better support doctors at all levels to have opportunities to participate in research as part of their jobs.

Many doctors regard engaging in research as an important part of their job and find it a very positive experience. Research plays a central role in the delivery of high-quality patient care. Unfortunately, due to challenges in the healthcare system, participating in clinical research can be a struggle for many doctors. Engaging in research at a higher level outside direct clinical care activities is often hampered by a lack of time in job plans. This may impact upon the opportunity for patients to participate in clinical trials and affects patient access to the most current treatment.

The NIHR is an important body in research and we are encouraged to see that the NIHR vision aligns with our approach to promoting research. We look forward to working together to look at ways we can encourage doctors and others to value research as part of clinical care.

Yours sincerely,

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