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Dear Dr Liddle,

**Consultation to improve forensic medical services for victims of rape and sexual assault**

The General Medical Council welcomes this consultation and the CMO's earlier consultation on clinical pathways and guidance in this area. They address areas which overlap with our guidance for doctors.

As you'll be aware, our guidance sets out the principles of good practice which all doctors are expected to follow. It focuses on supporting doctors to meet their ethical and legal duties.

You may wish to note we have recently consulted on new consent guidance<sup>1</sup>. We are in the process of reviewing the feedback we have received from doctors, patients and stakeholders, and expect to publish the final guidance towards the end of 2019. You may also find our guidance on confidentiality<sup>2</sup> useful as you develop the new statutory functions.

We would be delighted to support you as you look to draft the legislation. If we can help in any way please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-guidance-for-doctors/consent>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-guidance-for-doctors/confidentiality>