

## National training surveys – briefing note 3

### Changes to the questionnaire for 2017

Following a review of the questions contained within them, both the survey for doctors in training and clinical and educational supervisors will be updated.

This will allow us to provide information about areas such as rota design and also introduce some minor amendments throughout the questionnaires to improve the clarity of existing questions.

This briefing note explains what has changed in the surveys for 2017 and why. A copy of the demographic and generic questions for all doctors in training (the 'trainee survey') can be found in **Annex A** with questions specifically for doctors training in the foundation programme outlined in **Annex B**. **Annex C** lists the demographic and generic questions for clinical and educational supervisors (the 'trainer survey').

#### Trainer survey changes

- **Overall satisfaction** – provides a broad overview of respondents' current satisfaction levels.
- **Rota design** – examines if working patterns are designed in a way that facilitates education and training.
- **Workload** – gauges the demands on trainers' time

#### Trainee survey changes

In response to feedback and field testing, the **access to educational resources** indicator will be removed this year.

The trainee survey will report on three new indicators which were successfully tested in 2016:

- **Curriculum coverage** – examines if respondents believe their current training post will provide the clinical, practical and professional experiences necessary to fulfil their curriculum requirements.
- **Educational governance**<sup>1</sup> - assesses if respondents are aware how to report concerns about their education and training and whether or not they are confident that concerns will be effectively addressed.
- **Teamwork** – explores if there is a culture of collaboration within and between departments.

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<sup>1</sup> The 'educational governance' indicator was introduced as a test indicator in 2016 under the name 'response to training concerns'.

In response to feedback from teams in deaneries/LETBs, we have restructured the indicators relating to training and will be testing these in 2017.

- **Quality of teaching** – this indicator represents a simplified version of existing indicators and will be tested in 2017 to assess if it is an adequate replacement for the *local teaching* and *regional teaching* indicators in future surveys.
- **Time for training** – tests if respondents have sufficient time to undertake the training they require. If tested successfully, this indicator will be introduced to future surveys to provide enhanced comparability with the trainer survey.

We will also introduce test questions for a new area.

- **Rota design** – examines if working patterns are designed in a way that is not detrimental to training and education.

### Enhanced comparability between surveys

Feedback has indicated a strong desire for greater comparability across the surveys to enable greater comparison between the views of trainers and trainees.

The following table lists all indicators for 2017 across both surveys and highlights where they are comparable.

Indicator	Survey coverage
Curriculum coverage	Both
Educational governance	Both
Handover	Both
Overall satisfaction	Both
Supportive environment	Both
Workload	Both
Rota design	Both (not reported in the trainee survey 2017)
Time for training	Both (not reported in the trainee survey 2017)
Adequate experience	Trainee
Clinical supervision	Trainee
Clinical supervision out-of-hours	Trainee
Educational supervision	Trainee
Feedback	Trainee

Induction	Trainee
Local teaching	Trainee
Regional teaching	Trainee
Reporting systems	Trainee
Study leave	Trainee
Support for trainers	Trainer
Teamwork	Trainee
Quality of teaching	Trainee (unreported test indicator)
Trainer development	Trainer
Resources for trainers	Trainer

### Minor amendments

In addition to the changes above, we have made a number of minor amendments to questionnaire items across the surveys; designed to improve the clarity of existing questions but not alter the underlying sentiment of them.

### Contact

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