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Dear Tasnim

General Medical Council visit to Queen's University Belfast in 2017

On behalf of the medical school and university, I wish to thank the General Medical Council for the constructive review of the undergraduate medical programme at Queen's University Belfast and for engaging in further discussion after the visit in order to clarify aspects of the report.

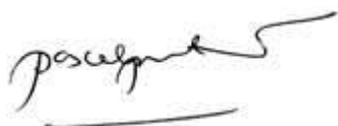
We are very pleased to note that the visiting panel recognised the enthusiasm and motivation of our clinical and academic supervisors, the strong collaboration we have with the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency, the excellent learning opportunities provided for our students in anatomy and clinical skills, and the early clinical contact which is embedded in our curriculum. The findings concur with the results of the National Student Survey, which indicate very high levels of overall satisfaction amongst medical students at Queen's University Belfast.

As can be seen from the Action Plan, we are already taking steps to respond to the requirements and recommendation. We are committed to continuing to address the barriers to raising concerns perceived by some students, and enhancing our communication of improvements in the course.

We are working with the LEPs to implement new quality management processes to continue to improve the monitoring of student experience during clinical attachments, recognising that a degree of variability in student experience is inevitable and beneficial in order to promote innovation and best practice. We have already initiated our full curriculum review, as we respond to the changing landscape of service provision.

We look forward to the regional meeting on 18 October and to providing up-dates to the General Medical Council as part of the Medical School Annual Return.

Yours sincerely



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