

The RCGP has read with interest the GMC's report of its review of GP training which is, as the GMC notes, a snapshot of training in 5 deaneries during 2016 and early 2017.

The report identifies many of the areas of good practice as well as areas of concern that the RCGP, and our deanery colleagues, have already identified over the course of several years in reports and feedback, such as the GP Annual Speciality Report (ASR), provided to the GMC by the RCGP. As such it provides corroboration for issues which we have identified, and have been working with deaneries to resolve. However, as with any 'snapshot' review, its findings are really only applicable at the time that the review is undertaken and in a number of areas, particularly for example in reference to Out of Hours training, the situation has moved on considerably since the GMC undertook its visits.

To ensure that the report has valuable long term implications for General Practice training in the UK, we look forward to working together with the GMC to resolve these long standing issues. The RCGP will continue to work with the GMC and deaneries and to use its influence to monitor the high standards set in GP training, and we will continue to report these issues and our actions to the GMC.