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Introduction

These reference tables support and supplement the General Medical Council (GMC) report The State of Medical Education and Practice in the UK (SoMEP) 2021. They are available in both Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) and Microsoft Excel (.xlsx) formats.

Other sets of reference tables are available on the GMC website at [The state of medical education and practice in the UK - GMC \(gmc-uk.org\)](https://www.gmc-uk.org).

Data sources used

The tables are based on registration data from the GMC's List of Registered Medical Practitioners (LRMP) and national training survey (NTS) census records. The registration data is reported as of 30 June each year and was downloaded on 1 July 2021. The NTS data was downloaded in the July of each year following the annual surveys.

Organisation of the tables

Tables present statistics about all doctors who were approved trainers for the training year 2020/21.

Doctors who are trainers

Doctors were reported as being trainers for a given year if they were licensed on 30 June of that year and were on the list of approved trainers in the NTS census in March of that year.

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the tables:

EEA - European Economic Area
IMG - International Medical Graduate
n/a - Not available
PMQ - Primary Medical Qualification

Further information

For assistance in using the tables, please contact the Data, Research and Insight Hub at DRIH@gmc-uk.org.

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Table 1
All licensed doctors - trainers
by trainer role

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	Number of doctors 2021
Clinical Supervisor	8,490
Educational Supervisor	7,580
Both	35,156
Total	51,226

	% of doctors 2021
Clinical Supervisor	16.6%
Educational Supervisor	14.8%
Both	68.6%

Notes

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Table 2
All licensed doctors - trainers
by trainer role
by gender

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Number of doctors	
2021	
Clinical Supervisor, Female	3,411
Clinical Supervisor, Male	5,079
Educational Supervisor, Female	3,358
Educational Supervisor, Male	4,222
Both, Female	13,596
Both, Male	21,560
Total	51,226

% of doctors	
2021	
Clinical Supervisor, Female	40.2%
Clinical Supervisor, Male	59.8%
Educational Supervisor, Female	44.3%
Educational Supervisor, Male	55.7%
Both, Female	38.7%
Both, Male	61.3%

Notes

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The counts are as on 30 June each year and the data was downloaded on 1 July 2020.

The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each gender for each trainer role.

Doctors granted temporary emergency registration under Section 18a of the Medical Act (1983) were not included in counts.

Table 3
All licensed doctors - trainers
by trainer role
by age

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Number of doctors	
2021	
Clinical Supervisor, 20-29	4
Clinical Supervisor, 30-39	1,057
Clinical Supervisor, 40-49	3,389
Clinical Supervisor, 50-59	2,938
Clinical Supervisor, 60-69	1,011
Clinical Supervisor, 70 or more	91
Educational Supervisor, 20-29	-
Educational Supervisor, 30-39	819
Educational Supervisor, 40-49	3,437
Educational Supervisor, 50-59	2,699
Educational Supervisor, 60-69	590
Educational Supervisor, 70 or more	35
Both, 20-29	1
Both, 30-39	3,324
Both, 40-49	15,786
Both, 50-59	12,768
Both, 60-69	3,120
Both, 70 or more	157
Total	51,226

% of doctors	
2021	
Clinical Supervisor, 20-29	0.0%
Clinical Supervisor, 30-39	12.4%
Clinical Supervisor, 40-49	39.9%
Clinical Supervisor, 50-59	34.6%
Clinical Supervisor, 60-69	11.9%
Clinical Supervisor, 70 or more	1.1%
Educational Supervisor, 20-29	-
Educational Supervisor, 30-39	10.8%
Educational Supervisor, 40-49	45.3%
Educational Supervisor, 50-59	35.6%
Educational Supervisor, 60-69	7.8%
Educational Supervisor, 70 or more	0.5%
Both, 20-29	0.0%
Both, 30-39	9.5%
Both, 40-49	44.9%
Both, 50-59	36.3%
Both, 60-69	8.9%
Both, 70 or more	0.4%

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The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each age group for each trainer role.

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Table 4
All licensed doctors - trainers
by trainer role
by PMQ

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Number of doctors
2021

Clinical Supervisor, UK	5,310
Clinical Supervisor, EEA	760
Clinical Supervisor, IMG	2,420
Educational Supervisor, UK	5,727
Educational Supervisor, EEA	452
Educational Supervisor, IMG	1,401
Both, UK	23,950
Both, EEA	2,310
Both, IMG	8,896
Total	51,226

% of doctors
2021

Clinical Supervisor, UK	62.5%
Clinical Supervisor, EEA	9.0%
Clinical Supervisor, IMG	28.5%
Educational Supervisor, UK	75.6%
Educational Supervisor, EEA	6.0%
Educational Supervisor, IMG	18.5%
Both, UK	68.1%
Both, EEA	6.6%
Both, IMG	25.3%

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The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each PMQ for each trainer role.

Doctors granted temporary emergency registration under Section 18a of the Medical Act (1983) were not included in counts.

Table 5
All licensed doctors - trainers
by trainer role
by ethnicity

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Number of doctors	
2021	
Clinical Supervisor, Asian or Asian British	2,430
Clinical Supervisor, Black or Black British	274
Clinical Supervisor, Mixed	162
Clinical Supervisor, White	4,720
Clinical Supervisor, Other	278
Clinical Supervisor, Not recorded	626
Educational Supervisor, Asian or Asian British	1,736
Educational Supervisor, Black or Black British	154
Educational Supervisor, Mixed	142
Educational Supervisor, White	4,634
Educational Supervisor, Other	152
Educational Supervisor, Not recorded	762
Both, Asian or Asian British	9,546
Both, Black or Black British	847
Both, Mixed	645
Both, White	20,679
Both, Other	922
Both, Not recorded	2,517
Total	51,226

% of doctors	
2021	
Clinical Supervisor, Asian or Asian British	28.6%
Clinical Supervisor, Black or Black British	3.2%
Clinical Supervisor, Mixed	1.9%
Clinical Supervisor, White	55.6%
Clinical Supervisor, Other	3.3%
Clinical Supervisor, Not recorded	7.4%
Educational Supervisor, Asian or Asian British	22.9%
Educational Supervisor, Black or Black British	2.0%
Educational Supervisor, Mixed	1.9%
Educational Supervisor, White	61.1%
Educational Supervisor, Other	2.0%
Educational Supervisor, Not recorded	10.1%
Both, Asian or Asian British	27.2%
Both, Black or Black British	2.4%
Both, Mixed	1.8%
Both, White	58.8%
Both, Other	2.6%
Both, Not recorded	7.2%

Notes

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The counts are as on 30 June each year and the data was downloaded on 1 July 2020.

The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each ethnicity for each trainer role.

Doctors granted temporary emergency registration under Section 18a of the Medical Act (1983) were not included in counts.

Table 6
All licensed doctors - trainers
by trainer role
by register type

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	Number of doctors
	2021
Clinical Supervisor, GP	1,015
Clinical Supervisor, Specialist	6,830
Clinical Supervisor, GP and specialist	66
Clinical Supervisor, SAS and LE doctors	579
Educational Supervisor, GP	3,547
Educational Supervisor, Specialist	3,865
Educational Supervisor, GP and specialist	58
Educational Supervisor, SAS and LE doctors	110
Both, GP	3,937
Both, Specialist	30,044
Both, GP and specialist	215
Both, SAS and LE doctors	960
Total	51,226

	% of doctors
	2021
Clinical Supervisor, GP	12.0%
Clinical Supervisor, Specialist	80.4%
Clinical Supervisor, GP and specialist	0.8%
Clinical Supervisor, SAS and LE doctors	6.8%
Educational Supervisor, GP	46.8%
Educational Supervisor, Specialist	51.0%
Educational Supervisor, GP and specialist	0.8%
Educational Supervisor, SAS and LE doctors	1.5%
Both, GP	11.2%
Both, Specialist	85.5%
Both, GP and specialist	0.6%
Both, SAS and LE doctors	2.7%

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The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each register type for each trainer role.

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Table 7
All licensed doctors - trainers
by trainer role
by specialty

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	Number of doctors
	2021
Clinical Supervisor, Medicine	1,509
Clinical Supervisor, Emergency Medicine	172
Clinical Supervisor, Anaesthetics and Intensive Care	883
Clinical Supervisor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology	227
Clinical Supervisor, Occupational medicine	10
Clinical Supervisor, Ophthalmology	244
Clinical Supervisor, Paediatrics	384
Clinical Supervisor, Pathology	303
Clinical Supervisor, Psychiatry	1,320
Clinical Supervisor, Public Health	66
Clinical Supervisor, Radiology	651
Clinical Supervisor, Surgery	1,110
Clinical Supervisor, Other specialty or multiple specialties	17
Educational Supervisor, Medicine	1,062
Educational Supervisor, Emergency Medicine	117
Educational Supervisor, Anaesthetics and Intensive Care	770
Educational Supervisor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology	219
Educational Supervisor, Occupational medicine	20
Educational Supervisor, Ophthalmology	88
Educational Supervisor, Paediatrics	376
Educational Supervisor, Pathology	140
Educational Supervisor, Psychiatry	212
Educational Supervisor, Public Health	100
Educational Supervisor, Radiology	244
Educational Supervisor, Surgery	570
Educational Supervisor, Other specialty or multiple specialties	5
Both, Medicine	8,802
Both, Emergency Medicine	1,475
Both, Anaesthetics and Intensive Care Medicine	4,213
Both, Obstetrics and Gynaecology	1,848
Both, Occupational medicine	38
Both, Ophthalmology	527
Both, Paediatrics	2,758
Both, Pathology	741
Both, Psychiatry	2,503
Both, Public Health	80
Both, Radiology	1,481
Both, Surgery	5,747
Both, Other specialty or multiple specialty groups	46
Total	41,078

	% of doctors
	2021
Clinical Supervisor, Medicine	21.9%
Clinical Supervisor, Emergency Medicine	2.5%
Clinical Supervisor, Anaesthetics and Intensive Care	12.8%
Clinical Supervisor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology	3.3%
Clinical Supervisor, Occupational medicine	0.1%
Clinical Supervisor, Ophthalmology	3.5%
Clinical Supervisor, Paediatrics	5.6%
Clinical Supervisor, Pathology	4.4%
Clinical Supervisor, Psychiatry	19.1%
Clinical Supervisor, Public Health	1.0%

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Clinical Supervisor, Radiology	9.4%
Clinical Supervisor, Surgery	16.1%
Clinical Supervisor, Other specialty or multiple sp	0.2%
Educational Supervisor, Medicine	27.1%
Educational Supervisor, Emergency Medicine	3.0%
Educational Supervisor, Anaesthetics and Intensi	19.6%
Educational Supervisor, Obstetrics and Gynaecol	5.6%
Educational Supervisor, Occupational medicine	0.5%
Educational Supervisor, Ophthalmology	2.2%
Educational Supervisor, Paediatrics	9.6%
Educational Supervisor, Pathology	3.6%
Educational Supervisor, Psychiatry	5.4%
Educational Supervisor, Public Health	2.5%
Educational Supervisor, Radiology	6.2%
Educational Supervisor, Surgery	14.5%
Educational Supervisor, Other specialty or multipl	0.1%
Both, Medicine	29.1%
Both, Emergency Medicine	4.9%
Both, Anaesthetics and Intensive Care Medicine	13.9%
Both, Obstetrics and Gynaecology	6.1%
Both, Occupational medicine	0.1%
Both, Ophthalmology	1.7%
Both, Paediatrics	9.1%
Both, Pathology	2.4%
Both, Psychiatry	8.3%
Both, Public Health	0.3%
Both, Radiology	4.9%
Both, Surgery	19.0%
Both, Other specialty or multiple specialty groups	0.2%

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The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each specialty for each trainer role.

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Table 8
All licensed doctors - trainers
by UK country
by trainer role

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Number of doctors	
2021	
England, Clinical Supervisor	7,209
England, Educational Supervisor	6,103
England, Both	28,897
Scotland, Clinical Supervisor	435
Scotland, Educational Supervisor	987
Scotland, Both	3,725
Wales, Clinical Supervisor	359
Wales, Educational Supervisor	32
Wales, Both	2,069
Northern Ireland, Clinical Supervisor	434
Northern Ireland, Educational Supervisor	437
Northern Ireland, Both	376
Other, Clinical Supervisor	53
Other, Educational Supervisor	21
Other, Both	89
Total	51,226

% of doctors	
2021	
England, Clinical Supervisor	17.1%
England, Educational Supervisor	14.5%
England, Both	68.5%
Scotland, Clinical Supervisor	8.5%
Scotland, Educational Supervisor	19.2%
Scotland, Both	72.4%
Wales, Clinical Supervisor	14.6%
Wales, Educational Supervisor	1.3%
Wales, Both	84.1%
Northern Ireland, Clinical Supervisor	34.8%
Northern Ireland, Educational Supervisor	35.0%
Northern Ireland, Both	30.2%
Other, Clinical Supervisor	32.5%
Other, Educational Supervisor	12.9%
Other, Both	54.6%

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The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each trainer role region for each UK country.

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Table 9
All licensed doctors - trainers
by England region
by trainer role

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	Number of doctors
	2021
East, Clinical Supervisor	799
East, Educational Supervisor	976
East, Both	2,032
London, Clinical Supervisor	1,281
London, Educational Supervisor	1,199
London, Both	4,507
Midlands, Clinical Supervisor	1,492
Midlands, Educational Supervisor	1,479
Midlands, Both	4,009
North East and Yorkshire, Clinical Supervisor	1,021
North East and Yorkshire, Educational Supervisor	430
North East and Yorkshire, Both	5,194
North West, Clinical Supervisor	1,235
North West, Educational Supervisor	837
North West, Both	5,541
South East, Clinical Supervisor	834
South East, Educational Supervisor	724
South East, Both	4,803
South West, Clinical Supervisor	547
South West, Educational Supervisor	458
South West, Both	2,811
Total	42,209

	% of doctors
	2021
East, Clinical Supervisor	21.0%
East, Educational Supervisor	25.6%
East, Both	53.4%
London, Clinical Supervisor	18.3%
London, Educational Supervisor	17.2%
London, Both	64.5%
Midlands, Clinical Supervisor	21.4%
Midlands, Educational Supervisor	21.2%
Midlands, Both	57.4%
North East and Yorkshire, Clinical Supervisor	15.4%
North East and Yorkshire, Educational Supervisor	6.5%
North East and Yorkshire, Both	78.2%
North West, Clinical Supervisor	16.2%
North West, Educational Supervisor	11.0%
North West, Both	72.8%
South East, Clinical Supervisor	13.1%
South East, Educational Supervisor	11.4%
South East, Both	75.5%
South West, Clinical Supervisor	14.3%
South West, Educational Supervisor	12.0%
South West, Both	73.7%

Notes

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The % of doctors table shows the proportion in each trainer role region for each England region.

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