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Dear GMC visit team

## **Quality Assurance Report Stage 7.4 for Brunel Medical School (BMS) - February 2025**

We would like to thank the GMC team for its stage 7.4 visit in February 2025 and for its constructive feedback and ongoing support.

We are pleased that the visit report confirms our progress towards meeting the GMC standards and are particularly pleased with the areas highlighted as working well:

- The comprehensive levels of support provided by the School's Student Support and Wellbeing team
- The positive relationship BMS has with its Local Education Providers
- Training and support provided to clinical educators
- Students' early patient contact in Primary Care placements
- Student experience of team-based learning
- The preparation of students for the MLA's Applied Knowledge Test

We acknowledge the areas that require additional focus and the School is implementing changes to address each of these areas of concern as follows:

- Integration of the MSc Physician Associate programme (PA) and workloads of professional services staff: work is ongoing to integrate the PA programme into existing BMS policies and procedures to streamline, where possible, MBBS and PA policies. The University's re-organisation of professional services staff has recently been implemented and will be kept under regular review in the coming months in order to balance staff workloads and student expectations. The School will continue to review this and highlight any requirements with the correct professional services teams.
- Occupational Health (OH) services: regular meetings are taking place between the School and the University's OH provider to ensure that all students are fully vaccinated and their vaccination status is monitored on an ongoing basis.

Procedures have been streamlined and clear plans are in place for OH clearance of the new cohorts of MBBS and PA students (2025-26) so they can undertake their term 1 clinical placements and of the Year 3 MBBS students, who are starting their clinical years.

- Integration of BMS and University digital systems: the integration of assessment systems has been prioritised along with the purchase of a case management system, which the Medical School will pilot before a roll-out across the wider University. There are regular meetings between the School and the University's IS department to monitor progress in these priority areas.
- Functioning fitness to practise process: Senate Regulation 14, including a BMS appendix, has been updated and approved and came into effect on 1 July 2025. We now have a clear process for referring students to the University for fitness to practise procedures and for monitoring the implementation of any sanctions. We will continue to monitor carefully to ensure it operates in a timely and robust manner.
- Qualified staff to develop the curriculum and assessments and timely mapping of both areas: the majority of clinical leads for Year 4 have been recruited and trained. Several internal academic / clinical roles are currently out to advert / being interviewed for and interest has been expressed by experienced individuals. Mapping of the curriculum and assessment for all years of the MBBS is an ongoing process.

We will provide further updates on each area in due course and look forward to the next GMC visit early in 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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