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## **HCPC – Consultation on Revisions to the Standards of Education and Training.**

Thank you for this opportunity to reply to your consultation on revisions to HCPC standards of education and training.

From carefully considering all the consultation material we believe the best approach is for us, as a fellow regulator, to respond by highlighting how our ongoing approaches to revising standards of education and training align, rather than instead answering through the question and answer structure set out in the consultation, which appears to be best suited to those using your standards as part of their day to day work.

### *General Medical Council - The Future of Medical Education and Training*

The GMC 'Future of education and career development' programme is working to refine and update our medical education framework by 2030 as part of our statutory duty to regularly review the standards, outcomes and guidance that underpins how medical education and training is delivered.

This will help us, and those we work with, to address the problems currently facing health services across the UK. It will, furthermore, support the creation of more inclusive working environments that have the greatest positive impact for both the public and medical profession. We very much wish to work with partners, such as HCPC, as we continue to scope out the changes we think are essential in developing a compassionate and flexible workforce, able to care for a diverse population.

We see many cross-over areas with your current work – for example our new framework will similarly:

- maintain educational standards that ensure patient safety in all learning environments.
- support career development for a wider range of people with a wider range of learning goals.
- set out higher standards that require organisations to provide better support for educators.
- be adaptable and changeable as the needs of the population evolves.

Hopefully you will find this information useful as part of your ongoing consultation. As one of our key UK stakeholders we aim to consult closely with HCPC in the future and look forward to gathering your views and learning from your experiences, enabling us both to create a new education framework enabling flexible, fair, and innovative learning and practice. Please do let us know if you

would find it helpful to meet and discuss further, and may we suggest that future ongoing meetings could be beneficial as we continue to align our changes as much as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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