General Medical Council

Annual Quality Assurance Summary

This summary provides an overview of how an organisation is meeting our standards for medical education and training as detailed in *Promoting excellence: standards for medical education and training*. It provides an overview of the QA activities undertaken over the course of a year and an overview of findings including any areas of notable practice or requirements and recommendations we have set. The summary is published.

Organisation	NHS England - London
Review period	Aug 2025 – July 2026 Year two of second cycle

Overview of findings

Overall findings statement
In 2025 we decided that medical schools and postgraduate training organisations that had completed an initial cycle of four self-assessment questionnaires could move to a biennial submission, following an assessment of their previous submissions. As a result of this assessment NHS England - London has now moved to a biennial model so did not submit a self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ) in 2025. The next date of submission is 2026.

Quality Activity undertaken

	Activity	Date	Summary
1	Annual quality engagement meeting	07 October 2025	The annual quality engagement meeting was attended by members of the GMC's education QA team and the NHS England - London Quality team. During this meeting we discussed ways of working together, conducted a review of outstanding Quality

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			Reporting System (QRS) items, reviewed National Training Survey (NTS) results and free text comments, and identified a quality activity for this reporting cycle (please see below).
2	Observation of London Education Quality Oversight Group (LEQOG)	30 July 2026	This activity was listed on the SAQ by NHS England - London against Themes 1 & 2. On 30 July we observed a meeting of the London Education Quality Oversight Group. The meeting was held via MS Teams. Ahead of the meeting we received the following documents: • Agenda • London Education Quality Oversight Group Record of Actions • Minutes from the London Quality Improvement Plan Forum 20 May 2026 • Provider Self-Assessment London thematic Report 2025 • Pan London Reporting Register Changes The meeting was chaired by the Postgraduate Dean and ran according to schedule. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss current and emerging concerns, and also to share good practice. In our feedback we noted that the LEQOG provides a good opportunity for sharing and triangulating information, and for providing updates following quality interventions.
3	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion action plan (including differential attainment)	10 March 2026	We ask all postgraduate training organisations to submit an action plan detailing how they are working to address the attainment gap in their region. NHS England – London sent us the latest version of the differential attainment action plan in October 2025 and we asked to meet with them early in 2026 to discuss the submission. At that meeting we heard that following the announcement in spring 2025 that NHS England will be abolished, the Professional Support Team were facing a number of challenges affecting staffing and resources. Whilst this has resulted in some workstreams being paused, we were pleased to hear that many are continuing. It was agreed that a further

			meeting would take place in the autumn to review progress and agree next steps. In the interim, a meeting was arranged between NHSE-London and members of the GMC Outreach Team to discuss and share details of the learning and support opportunities we offer to help put the guidance we issue into practice. A meeting has now been scheduled for October 2026 to review the latest version of the differential attainment action plan. During this meeting we will be asking for an update and also looking to develop our understanding of any initiatives being offered, why they were selected and how the impact of any interventions will be measured and evaluated.

Quality Reporting System (QRS)

We use the QRS to monitor concerns raised by organisation when they identify that our standards are not being met in an education and training environment. Concerns are managed locally by the responsible organisation until resolution.

Activity	Date	Summary
Quality Reporting System (QRS)	Ongoing	NHS England - London has 11 open items on the QRS. NHS England - London is engaged with the QRS system and continues to provide frequent and detailed updates. We are assured that our thresholds for reporting via the QRS are embedded and adhered to.

Enhanced Monitoring

Enhanced monitoring is used to promote and encourage local management of concerns which adversely affect patient or trainee safety, doctors' progress in training, or the quality of the training environment. During enhanced monitoring, the GMC provides an increased level of monitoring and participate in activities organised by the deanery/HEE local office. We tailor our support to each enhanced monitoring case to help address the concern(s) and develop a sustainable solution. We have summarised the enhanced monitoring activity this organisation has undertaken over the last 12 months below. For further information on enhanced monitoring please visit our website.

Activity	Date	Summary

Enhanced monitoring activities	Ongoing	NHS England - London currently has five open enhanced monitoring cases within London. One of the five enhanced monitoring cases has been opened within the current reporting year, and two cases have been closed. NHS England - London follows the GMC's enhanced monitoring process appropriately, updating the GMC on live cases. They also update the GMC on potential cases and include the GMC in decisions regarding escalation to and de-escalation from enhanced monitoring. The GMC has been involved in quality visits alongside NHS England - London as part of the enhanced monitoring process, and further information on enhanced monitoring visits can be found on the GMC website.

Next steps

The GMC's responses to the information submitted in the SAQ gives feedback on each theme to help NHS England - London complete the updates to the questionnaire in the next annual cycle.

These include:

Theme three – How learners are signposted to the support on offer by the Professional Support Unit (SUL1-01)

Theme four – HEE Provider Self-Assessment questionnaire (SUE1-01), supervisor focused quality intervention based on the revised trainer survey outliers (SUE1-04).

Further to this, and based on our findings from the quality activities we have undertaken, in the next cycle we would like to learn more about the following:

London Quality Improvement Plan Forum. Please upload a copy of the London Quality Improvement Plan Forum Terms of Reference alongside the next SAQ submission.

The ISF escalation/deescalation process. (EGL1-02)

Supporting educators - How any actions from the Provider Self-Assessment London Thematic Report 2025 have been taken forward (SUE 1-04 – SUE 1-07)

Education Quality Improvement Resource Hub (SUE 1-05).

Organisation's response

The organisation has the right to reply to the AQAS; if they have responded it will be included below.

Organisation's response