

National training survey

Data collection in 2026

National trainer survey 2026 data variable definitions

Field	Requirement	Definition	Validation rules
GMC Number	Mandatory	Must be a 7-digit number, e.g., '1234567'	This will be validated against our list of registered medical practitioners.
First Name	Mandatory	Free text	
Surname	Mandatory	Free text, must match doctor's name on GMC Register	This will be validated against the list of registered medical practitioners.
Trainer Specialty	Mandatory	The area of medicine that the doctor primarily practises	This will be validated against a list of specialties (the list will match our current list of programme specialties, minus all core specialties, foundation and broad-based training).
Trainer Role	Mandatory	Clinical supervisor or educational supervisor or both.	This will be validated against a list of valid trainer roles.

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Board or Trust Code	Mandatory where applicable	Location where doctor primarily conducts role as an educational or a clinical supervisor or both. Must be an approved board or trust code, typically 3 or more characters, e.g., 'RKB'.	This will be validated against the list of approved locations for UK training programmes.
Board or Trust Name	Not mandatory unless Board or Trust Code provided	Free text	This should be provided wherever a board or trust code has been provided. When we load your data into the survey, we will use the board or trust code you have provided to derive the name, based on your pre-approved reference data. The validation tool will check that the name you enter in this field matches the name associated with the code in the reference data.
Site Code	Mandatory where applicable	Must be an approved site code, typically 5 or more characters, e.g., 'RKB15'	This will be validated against the list of approved locations for UK training programmes.

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Site Name	Not mandatory unless Site Code Provided	Free text	This should be provided wherever a site code has been provided. When we load your data into the survey, we will use the site code you have provided to derive the name, based on your pre-approved reference data. The validation tool will check that the name you enter in this field matches the name associated with the code in the reference data.
LETB (London only)	Mandatory for London shared services	(all LETB/deanery values listed)	This will be validated against the list of LETB/deanery values and only needs to be entered manually by London due to shared services.

Please note that we are not collecting the doctor's email address from Deaneries/NHSE local offices as we will use the email address that we hold against the doctor's GMC online account.