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* and *Assuring readiness for practice: a framework for the MLA*. 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	The University of Dundee and University of St. Andrews (ScotGEM programme)
Review period	November 2025 – October 2026 (Year 3 of Cycle)

Overview of findings

Overall findings statement
From the SAQ submission, and the clarification of some points during the SAQ meeting, we consider that the University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews are meeting the standards set out in the GMC's *Promoting excellence: standards for medical education and training*. We did not undertake any quality activities for the ScotGEM programme in this cycle. However, through our engagement with the individual organisations, we are assured that the programme is meeting our standards in *Promoting excellence*.

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Quality Activity undertaken

	Activity	Date	Summary
1	SAQ submission	18 December 2025	The SAQ was submitted on time and covered all five themes of *Promoting excellence*. The submission included a list of planned University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews activities that we could observe for quality assurance purposes. We are satisfied that where further information and/or clarification is still required that this can be provided in the next SAQ submission.
2	SAQ feedback meeting	26 February 2026	This meeting was held to provide feedback to the University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews on its 2025/26 SAQ submission, and to seek clarification and additional information on the submission where required. We also discussed potential QA activities we could undertake in this annual cycle. These activities were selected to improve our understanding of the University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews processes. We did not identify areas of risk during the SAQ meeting. Following this meeting, the University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews were provided with written feedback on the SAQ submission.

Changes to MLA delivery

Assessment providers must inform us of any planned changes to the design or delivery of their approved MLA model. We have reviewed the changes outlined below and are satisfied that Dundee School of Medicine's delivery of the MLA continues to meet the requirements of the *MLA Framework*.

No.	Change	Detail (including impact on any MLA requirements as appropriate)	Implementation date for change
1	Introduction of corralling of students	The University of Dundee introduced corralling of students to enhanced security and fairness between candidate sitting different runs of the CPSA on the same day (CPSA requirement 9). The corralling takes place in two large lecture theatres to provide adequate space for students and are supervised by trained staff at all times (CPSA requirement 16).	May 2026

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	The University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews have four open items on the QRS and these relate to the MLA compliance process. The University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews are engaged with the QRS system and continue to provide frequent and detailed updates. We are assured that our thresholds for reporting via the QRS are embedded and adhered to.

Requirements

We set requirements where we have found that our standards are not being met. We will monitor each organisation's response and will expect evidence that progress is being made during the next QA cycle. We are pleased to say that no requirements have been set in this cycle.

Recommendations

We set recommendations where we have found areas for improvement related to our standards. They highlight areas an organisation should address to improve, in line with best practice. We are pleased to say that no recommendations have been set in this cycle.

Next steps

The GMC's responses to the information submitted in the SAQ gives feedback on each theme to help the University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews complete the updates to the questionnaire in the next annual cycle. These include:

Theme 1

LEC1-06 - Update on review of the University of Dundee's approach to feedback/redesign of feedback forms students receive on their work following the trialling of different processes.

Theme 2

EGL2-03 - Please provide a copy of a RAG report with the next SAQ submission.

EGL2-04 - Please provide an update on plans to consider the delivery of interviews in rural partner health boards.

Theme 3

SUL1-03 – Update on whether any amendments have been made to the 'passport' introduced for students requiring adjustments for disabilities.

Please also provide an update about the outcome of the research undertaken to ensure students feel prepared when entering the foundation programme.

SUL1-04 - Please provide an update following the implementation of an improved process for provision of feedback after Y3 formative assessments (including whether any feedback from students/examiners has been received).

Theme 5

DCA1-03 - Update following the introduction of new CBL cases, including whether any feedback - from students/teachers - has been received.

In the next cycle, we are interested in meeting with clinical and academic educators and will work with the University of Dundee and the University of St. Andrews to make arrangements for this.

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

We acknowledge receipt of this summary report and have no further comments to add. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our GMC colleagues and look forward to working with you in the next QA cycle.