National training survey briefing note 5
Changes to survey reporting in 2016

This note covers the changes to the survey reporting tool and how other survey results will be shared.

Summary of key changes

- A new trainer report will be added to the online reporting tool
- We have introduced a new indicator for the trainee survey: Reporting Systems
- The Handover indicator in the trainee survey report has been revised
- Several programme-specific questions in the trainee survey have been updated
- The survey reports will be released a few weeks later this year to accommodate the new trainer report
- We will extended the password protected access from one week to two to enable deaneries/LETBs to review the new reports before they are released publicly

Reporting timeline

End of June
- Trainer and trainee reports released under password to deaneries/LETBs with updates
- 2 weeks advance access

Early July
- Reporting tool made public

Trainer report

Indicators

This year we surveyed postgraduate clinical and educational supervisors for the first time (supervisor roles are defined in our recognising and approving trainers framework). The results of this trainer survey will be published simultaneously with the trainee survey.

We have been able to introduce some improvements with the trainer survey reports e.g. the response rates for each report will be displayed next to their outcomes and scores. This new feature will make it easier to assess the significance of findings and also highlight variations in response rates between different locations and specialties.
New trainee survey indicators published

Reporting systems

We are publishing a new indicator on local reporting systems.

This indicator aims to measure the culture of reporting patient safety concerns in a post. The questions cover whether the processes have been properly communicated, whether there is a culture of proactive reporting and learning lessons and whether concerns are effectively dealt with and feedback given.

For details of the questions comprising the reporting systems indicator please see briefing note 3, annex A (Q100-104).

Handover

We have updated the handover indicator, in response to your feedback.

The new indicator aims to measure whether respondents feel handovers between shifts and between departments ensure continuity of care for patients. This less prescriptive approach allows for handover to take place in different formats (such as electronically) and allows the respondent to judge whether they think the handover is appropriate.

For details of the new questions comprising the handover indicator please see briefing note 3, annex A (Q95-97).

New questions for programme-specific reports

Each year we work with Royal Colleges and Faculties to update and improve the programme-specific questions. Our aim is to ensure that the questions are closely mapped to the curricula and assessment systems, helping colleges to understand how trainees are experiencing their programme.

We have updated around half of the programme-specific questions for the 2016 survey, following question-writing workshops with a number of colleges and faculties.

The programme-specific questionnaires are available on request.

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