National training survey 2015: information for local education providers

Every year, we ask all doctors in training to tell us what they think about training in their posts. The results of the 2015 national training survey are on our website at www.gmc-uk.org/nts.

Our annual survey is one important way that we monitor the quality of medical education and training in the UK. More than 53,000 doctors in training took part this year such a strong response rate allows us to create meaningful, anonymised information on the quality of training provided at every training site in the UK.

Why do I need to know about the survey?

The survey can help you to improve the quality of training in your organisation. The results provide a unique insight into the experience of doctors in training; providing an opportunity to identify both good practice and areas for development.

Results are publicly available and so can be viewed by doctors in training or consultants thinking about their next post, members of the public or the press. It is important that you are aware of what doctors in training are saying, and what information is shown about your organisation.

Explore the results

You can explore the detailed results in our interactive reporting tool at www.gmc-uk/nts.

The tool shows three years of data, allowing you to see how results have changed over time. You can explore the results by:

- country
- deanery
- specialty
- education provider
- type of doctor in training

To find out more about how to use the reporting tool and get the best out of your local results, join our online webinar for organisations that education and train doctors on 17 June at 1pm. Click to register. You can also view our user guide in the reporting tool itself.
Your deanery or LETB also has someone specially trained on the reporting tool to analyse the data in your area – you can find them at www.gmc-uk.org/education/surveys_deanery_contacts.asp.

**Supportive environments**

This year for the first time, the survey results show us how supportive training environments are; how fairly doctors in training think they are treated, and whether they believe their posts help build their confidence.

**Feedback is important**

Open reporting cultures where issues are flagged early and discussed can help to promote patient safety.

Providing general feedback to all doctors in training in your trust/board on issues raised by your survey results and sharing what action has been taken to make improvements to training is an important way of promoting the importance of an open reporting culture.

**Webinar for doctors in training**

In addition to the webinar for organisations that educate and train doctors, we are also holding a webinar for doctors in training on 23 June at 1pm. This is to explain how we and others – including you, deaneries/local education and training boards and employers – use their survey responses to take action.

Please pass on this invitation to your doctors in training. They can register by following this link. This is an excellent opportunity to put questions to the GMC and to learn more about what the survey results mean, how they are used and how to interpret them. Doctors in training can email questions in advance to nts@gmc-uk.org

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