National training survey briefing note 5
Changes to survey reporting in 2017

Summary of key changes
In response to your feedback, we have made significant upgrades to the online reporting tool this year, including:

- Improved navigation and simplified language – it is now easier to find the reports you need
- Trend data is now available from 2012-17
- Question items and mean scores have been added to all reports
- Three new indicators have been added to the trainee reports and five new indicators have been added to the trainer reports
- Several programme specific questions have been updated in the trainee survey

Deaneries/HEE teams will be able to review the new reports before they are released publicly

Reporting timeline

22 June advance access

- Trainer and Trainee Reports released under password to deaneries/HEE teams with 2017 updates

4 July

- Reporting tool made public

Improved navigation
Following feedback from users, we have changed the layout of the reporting tool home page, so that the most popular reports are easier to get to. We have also renamed the different report views to make it clearer what they are:

- Outlier analysis is now **Single year**
- Trend analysis is now **Multiple year**
- Indicator analysis is now **Bar charts and tables**

Mean scores are now displayed within all report types, providing more detailed information alongside flags. Additionally, question item results can now be viewed directly by clicking on each mean score result.

Trend data from 2012 now available in **Multiple year reports**

We have redesigned the reports so they display results from 2012 onwards where available (they had previously only been able to display three years’ results).
**Trainer indicators**

For the second year in a row, the results of the trainer survey will be published together with the trainee survey.

There are five new indicators this year. *Rota design, Workload* and *Overall satisfaction* are new questions and indicators for 2017. *Time for training* and *Trainer development* replace *Time for trainers* and *Supervisor training*.

**Trainee indicators**

This year we have introduced a new indicator called *Teamwork*. *Curriculum coverage* replaces *Curriculum Implementation* and *Educational governance* replaces ‘Response to educational concerns’.

**Greater comparability between trainee and trainer surveys**

There are now six common indicators across the surveys, allowing you to compare trainees’ and trainers’ views. They are:

- Overall satisfaction
- Supportive environment
- Workload
- Handover
- Curriculum coverage
- Educational governance

**Test indicators**

We are trialling three new indicators for the trainee survey. These will be analysed for validity and reliability during 2017.

They are:

- Quality of teaching
- Time for training
- Rota gaps

If they perform well statistically, and the results confirmed as valid in quality management systems, they will be included in the 2018 reports.

**New questions for programme specific reports**

Each year we work with royal colleges and faculties to update and improve the programme specific questions. This year, 38 specialty scripts were updated or changed. 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.

The programme specific questionnaires for each specialty are available on request.

**Contact**

Surveys Team  
nts@gmc-uk.org  
0161 250 6863