Dear Colleague,

As part of the GMC’s quality assurance framework we collect and report annually on the progression of doctors across the four countries of the UK through key stages in their training such as specialty examinations, ARCP and their application and entry into specialty training. We publish this data to enable you and other organisations working to deliver and quality assure medical education and training across the UK, to identify and investigate concerns in the delivery of medical education within training programmes as part of your quality management work. This includes variation in training outcomes associated with demographic characteristics known as differential attainment.

In the past few months we have been liaising with all our data providers to ensure that the raw data used in this year's progression reports is as accurate as possible. This phase is now complete. We are now at the stage of sharing the developed reports - refreshed with 2016/17 academic year's data and with new developments in place - as part of phase two of the stakeholder review. Layout and style improvements will be ongoing but the underlying data will not change during the period of this review. A briefing note will follow shortly containing a summary of the developments.

The purpose of this release is twofold:

1. We would like to collect your views on the analysis and presentation of your data, as well as to check the functionality of the reports before the public release.

2. You will have access to the full range of progression reports in order for you to familiarise yourself with the findings as well as to start to prepare any message or statements required.

These reports are being shared with you privately and are embargoed until the public release at the end of June (exact date to be confirmed) and we therefore require that the information contained within them be protected from disclosure until then. Before the public release, the information must not be disclosed to any third parties except as expressly agreed by us. In addition, in order to protect the
anonymity of the trainees the data must not be used to attempt to identify individuals.

You need not contact us during this phase; however, if you identify any errors or inconsistencies please do let us know by the latest **29 May 2018**. Please contact us at educationdata@gmc-uk.org, and include ‘Progression Reports’ in the email title. If we do not hear from you, we will assume your data to be correct.

Review instructions

1. Log into [GMC Connect](#)
2. Select User Group – choose Tableau.
3. Click ‘Reports’ on left.
4. Click ‘View’ in table for Reporting Group ‘2017 release - Phase 2 - progression Reports’ to access reports.
5. Log in to GMC connect in the pop up window to access the chosen online report.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards,

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