

Medical Training Review

A regular update to stakeholders

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the second issue of the Medical Training Review newsletter. We will be sending these out regularly to keep you updated with our progress on this work. As you will be aware, the aim of the Medical Training Review (Phase One) is to explore the technical changes, enablers, and choices for reforming medical training for the future, how those changes could be made and how they will support the delivery of the 10 Year Health Plan Mission shifts.

“It is essential that training for resident doctors is high quality, fit for the modern NHS and provides doctors with the skills they need to meet the evolving needs of our patients. By working collaboratively with resident doctors, educators as well as local and national leaders, we are committed to listening, addressing concerns, and creating an improved training pathway for the medical workforce, the NHS and patients.”

Professor Sir Chris Whitty and Professor Sir Stephen Powis

The week in focus

Call for Evidence

The call for evidence has now closed. We would like to thank everyone for their engagement and contributions.

We received over 7000 responses from a wide range of stakeholders including Resident Doctors, Medical Students, Specialist, Associate Specialist, and Specialty (SAS) doctors, Locally Employed Doctors, Educators, Service providers, Royal Colleges, Regulatory bodies, patients and more.

Planned activities

Our next planned activities alongside the call for evidence include a series of focus groups and roundtables with resident doctors, including specialty and specialist doctors and locally employed doctors, Royal Colleges and doctors with protected characteristics and many more. We will host two virtual workshops soon, one for GP stakeholders and another for service providers, to hear their important feedback.

We are also planning two national deliberative webinars, where we will be testing the findings from what we have heard and inviting further feedback.

We will be inviting colleagues who have engaged with the programme thus far so please look out for invites closer to the time.

This first, diagnostic stage of the medical training review will run through to the end of June 2025, with findings reported in July.

Frequently asked questions

Is this review only looking at postgraduate doctors?

This review is looking at all resident doctors, both locally employed and those in formal training programmes, as well as specialty and specialist doctors and those in clinical academic training. The review will balance both the personal and professional aspirations of doctors and the needs of clinical services and patients.

Who is leading the review?

The medical training review is a nationwide initiative overseen by NHS England's National Medical Director, Professor Sir Stephen Powis and the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Sir Chris Whitty.

When will the review report?

The review will report in July 2025.

I just want to send you an email, how can I do this?

Please do, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at england.medicaltrainingreview@nhs.net