Supporting trainers to support IMGs

The MWRES and the IMG Induction Programme LED Educators conference

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WORKFORCE RACE EQUALITY STANDARD (WRES)

Indicators for the NHS medical workforce



Race inequalities in the medical workforce: the evidence

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- Doctors from ethnic minority backgrounds face disadvantage throughout their careers – group effect
- Differential attainment by ethnicity persists across all measures of career progression, the entire training pathway and in all specialties
- Commitment to change evident across many organisations
- Output: the MWRES















Regulating doctors Ensuring good medical practice





Electronic Staff Record



What the MWRES launched in 2021 revealed

• EM doctors under-represented in leadership roles (eg medical clinical directors and royal medical college councils)

- Earn less
- Apply for more consultant jobs but less likely to be shortlisted or be offered a post
- More than double the rate of being referred to the GMC by employer
- More likely to have revalidation deferred
- Do less well in assessments as undergraduate and postgraduate trainees
- Report higher levels of bullying from staff and colleagues
- Report lower levels of belief that their trust offers equal opportunities for career progression
- Report fewer opportunities to contribute ideas and make changes at work
- And despite all this, report higher levels of motivation and engagement at work!



How LED Educators can make a difference

- Recognise that LEDs are the most disadvantaged
- Be aware of IMG needs and backgrounds
- Encourage everyone to know the data
- Recognise that variations will occur at Trust level
- Work to achieve improvements in –
 workplace support, equality in training,
 opportunities, pay, exams, and eliminate
 complaints, bullying



The challenges IMGs face

- IMGs may be highly qualified in home country but may struggle to adjust to a different healthcare system and culture
- Have to adapt to
- > unfamiliar training system, medico-legal framework, roles, responsibilities, expectations, skills
- hurdles with career progression
- > differences in working practices
- > social norms
- > communication and common usage of words or linguistic context





The challenges IMGs face

- These challenges can hinder
- > preparedness
- > performance
- > progression
- > wellbeing
- > patient safety



Start by implementing the standardised comprehensive induction programme for IMGs

- The design informed in two ways:
- ➤ By seeking the views of IMGs in the UK, about their experience, observations, perceptions and suggestions regarding their induction
- ➤ By reviewing existing induction programmes to identify good practice



IMG induction guidance launched in June 2022 - what it recommends

A recommendation to enable all IMGs to attend the GMC WtUKP

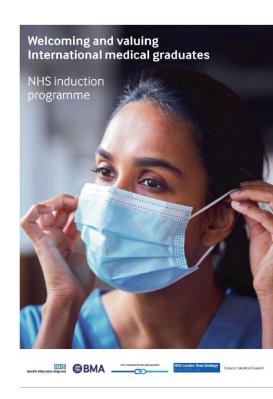
Guidance which includes:

- 1. Welcome and Pastoral Care
- 2. Professional Practice Induction
- 3. Language and Communication Induction
- 4. IT Systems Induction
- 5. Specialty Induction psychiatry, anaesthetics, EM, paediatrics and child health, surgery, and obstetrics and gynaecology. More will follow



Our plan of action as advisers to the GMC

- Support you to offer better induction as a starting point + more
- speak with Trusts, individuals, IMGs
- work with you to ensure attendance at WtUKP
- ➤ Support you in improving your induction programmes



How LED educators can help IMGs

FOOTPATH

- Take an interest
- Introduce them to the fabulous cultural, social, educational, recreational opportunities
- Support their learning
- Help them with networks
- Learn from them resource constraints
- Reflect honestly on one's own and IMG biases
- Recognise the importance of this for patient care

Conclusion

 IMGs bring much needed expertise support to the NHS



- IMGs' knowledge of working in resourceconstrained environments of particular value
- Enabling IMGs to achieve their full potential is an important means to achieving a safe high quality service
- LED Educators have an important role to achieve race equality in the medical workforce