

Medical Training Review

A regular update to stakeholders

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the first 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

National listening events

- We started this programme with three national listening events, which have now been undertaken.
- We welcomed over 300 participants from across the system including resident doctors, specialty and specialist doctors, locally employed doctors, educators, representatives from national bodies including BMA, GMC, Royal Colleges and NHS Employers and colleagues from NHS Trusts and GP practices.
- Using a ‘Rapid Insight’ approach, we have collated everyone’s views and ideas which will be further themed and analysed for the report due in July 2025.
- We would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the events, your input is invaluable.

Call for Evidence

- We have launched a call for evidence, which includes a survey with a series of questions on medical training and education.
- The link for the Call for Evidence can be found here: [Call for Evidence](#)
- We encourage everyone to input and share your views.
- There will be an opportunity to share any reports or unpublished work or research which you feel would contribute to the final report

Planned activities

This programme will run through to June 2025, with findings reported in July. 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. These, along with regional listening events will take place across April and May 2025. The outputs of which will contribute to the final report.

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.

How and when can I submit analysis to the Call for Evidence?

The call for evidence has launched and can be found here: [Call for Evidence](#). It will run through to 20 May and will provide an opportunity to share locally based analyses from organisations as well as unpublished research. Look out for an email either from NHS England's Medical Education Reform Team or your NHS England regional colleagues.



How can I get involved in the regional listening events?

Please contact your local NHS England office (deanery).

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