

Evaluation of the Foundation Programme

Invitation to contribute written evidence

As described in the 'NHS Next Stage Review: A High Quality Workforce', Medical Education England (MEE) has been asked to commission a formal evaluation of the two-year medical Foundation Programme. As you may be aware, I have been asked by MEE to Chair this evaluation.

The evaluation will be evidence-based and is seeking to assess all evidence available on this critical topic. Over the coming months my team and I will be collecting evidence from a wide range of people and organisations across the NHS with an interest in the Foundation Programme, including educators and trainers, regulators, training institutions, Royal Colleges and Faculties, employers, trainees and medical students. We will also review academic evidence from the UK and internationally relating to education and training during the first two years after graduation from medical school. I will provide MEE with a report on the Foundation Programme, including recommendations for the future.

In this context, I would like to invite any stakeholders who would like to do so to submit written evidence to inform the evaluation. We would like you to respond to five key questions, which will help us evaluate the Foundation Programme. In addition, we ask you to submit any other written evidence (for example, survey results, academic papers) that support your opinions on the Foundation Programme. **You will find further details of the evaluation and how to submit written evidence on the MEE website, www.mee.nhs.uk.**

We are also seeking oral evidence from a wide range of stakeholders. All evidence will be drawn together to produce the final report.

Your support and input into this evaluation is greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,



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