

GMC National Training Survey 2020 – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the GMC Trainer Survey?

The survey will help identify aspects of medical education and training that are potentially good practice and those that may need to be improved.

One of the key objectives of the GMC's implementation plan for the recognition and approval of trainers is to "enhance the perceived value and visibility of the training role and focus attention on the professional time needed and on the transparency of the resources available".

Who needs to complete the trainer survey?

As last year, the GMC will be running the trainer survey alongside the trainee survey. The timescale and access (via GMC Online) is the same as the trainee survey, but the questions and results will take a different format.

The GMC trainer survey is for named Clinical and Educational Supervisors, those who have been trained to oversee a trainee's clinical or educational progress through a placement or series of placements.

As with the trainee survey, the responses received from trainers will be analysed, and will provide useful information for HEE and other stakeholders which can improve the support and resources available to trainers.

Trainers should also check that the trainees they supervise have completed the trainee survey.

When is the survey?

The survey opens on Tuesday 24th March 2020 and runs for 6 weeks until closing on Wednesday 5th May 2020.

How should the survey be completed?

From 24th March, the survey should be available via <https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/managing-your-registration/gmc-online>. Doctors should complete the relevant survey as early as possible in the survey period.

The first step is to **validate** the census information that HEE has provided to the GMC. If a change is necessary, this will be fed back to HEE North but will not delay you completing the survey.

How are HEE Involved?

HEE will provide data to the GMC before the survey starts. We will be sending the GMC a list of all trainers eligible to complete the survey, as well as their demographic details. We will not provide email addresses, as the GMC will use the email you provide to login to GMC online.

During the survey, HEE will prepare summary reports for the Dean, Heads of School and Training Programme Directors so that they are aware of trends and progress. We will also prepare lists indicating the individuals who haven't completed the survey yet, and share these

with our Dean, Directors of Medical Education and Medical Education Managers who can support you in completing. We will send out reminders each week to those who have not yet completed the survey.

What if you are unable to login?

If you are having trouble logging in to GMC online then you can contact the GMC online team on **0161 923 6602**

If after logging in to GMC online the survey is not available please contact Leo Buttigieg on northsurveys@hee.nhs.uk or call **0151 479 2609**

Are my answers confidential?

All answers given in the survey are confidential. The GMC aggregate reports to make sure no individual can be identified.

Will I be able to see the results from the survey?

Yes, the results will be analysed and published.

The results will allow the GMC and HEE North to identify areas where trainers feel well supported and areas that may need improvement. Feedback from the survey will make sure those who manage and deliver training have a strong voice in the development of UK medical education and training.

Further Information

GMC Survey Documentation:

http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/nts_documents.asp

GMC Trainer survey:

http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/national_trainer_survey.asp

GMC Trainee survey:

http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/national_trainee_survey.asp

GMC Standards for Education and Training:

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards.asp>