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BY EMAIL

Dear Colleague

Recording of reflective practice

As we are sure you are aware, there have been concerns amongst doctors about how they should best use their portfolios to record reflections on their clinical work, especially when they have made a medical error, or a patient has come to harm. This is a particular worry for doctors in training programmes, who are required to provide evidence of reflection as part of their learning.

With this in mind, the Academy drew up guidance (attached) to help doctors in training, and their supervisors, in considering how to record their reflective practice. Please circulate to your trainees and all involved in training, as you see fit, to share this information and advice.

We recognise that there will continue to be concerns, and propose to take forward some joint work between the Academy and COPMED to develop further support for junior doctors and educators around this topic.

Yours sincerely

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