

The General Medical Council helps to protect patients and improve medical education and practice in the UK by setting standards for students and doctors. We support them in achieving (and exceeding) those standards and take action when they are not met. As part of our quality assurance processes, we work with Health Education England (HEE) on the approval and educational quality of all medical training environments including primary care. We recognise the move towards an at scale localised geography such as training hubs and primary care networks which encourages the integration of various community, general practice, and health services in local areas. This enhances the opportunities for multi-professional learning and encourages collaboration across a localised environment. With the drive to increase the primary care workforce in the coming years, we recognise the opportunity this integration of services provides for learners to enter primary care.

We will continue to work with HEE to monitor how you are meeting our regulatory standards in these localised environments. Also, we expect to be kept informed of any new practice and employer partnerships and placement arrangements through our normal regulatory processes.