

19th May 2017

Dear colleague,

MEDICAL SPECIALTY TRAINING INTAKE NUMBERS FOR 2018

One of the key functions of the Scottish Shape of Training Transition Group is making recommendations to Ministers annually on core, run through and medical specialty training numbers. Setting establishment numbers should take into account information and initiatives which contribute to making NHS Scotland an attractive place to work. This is also essential to the sustainability of services to patients, to supporting the strategic direction and to implementation of the NHS Scotland Health and Social Care Delivery Plan. As part of its function, the Transition Group gathers together robust medical workforce supply and demand profiles including data and analysis in areas such as vacancy numbers, fill rates, retiral projections etc. with a view to enabling better identification of service and training requirements of a sustainable medical workforce. Co-ordination of this information continues to support NHS Boards to develop intelligent national, regional and local workforce planning tools and solutions

Intakes for 2014-2017 have included a significant increase in trainee numbers across a number of specialties. Given that, the default for 2018 will be to replace all vacancies that arise in the annual cycle, though we wish to assess any evidence supporting a case for change of training establishment through adjustment of 2018 intake. In cases where stakeholders feel that there is such evidence they are asked to provide that to the Chair of the Transition Group, Dr John Colvin at john.colvin@gov.scot by 14th July 2017.

In the meantime, if you have any queries relating to the proposals for 2018 intake, please contact John Colvin at the address above or on 0131 244 5069.

Yours sincerely



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