

National Survey of Trainees 2007: Briefing nine – closing the survey

30 January 2008

Dear Colleagues,

This note is for the nominated deanery contacts (listed on the trainee survey 2007 set-up form returns). It provides the information you need for the close of this year's survey. Thank you to those who have helped improve this year's return by chasing locally and correcting data; these efforts are reflected in the response rates achieved.

Post data request corrections - deadline

The deadline for amendments to existing emails and additional trainee emails not previously listed is 12pm Wednesday 5 February. It will not be possible to include people after this date. Some deaneries have not responded to the Excel files we have sent out which include details of email addresses for which we received error messages. If this applies to your deanery then please check and return as a soon as possible.

Close of the survey

The survey itself will stay open until mid-February to ensure everyone has a chance to complete it.

Proof of completion

We will provide a download from the database listing who has completed and who hasn't at the end of the survey. It is possible for you to obtain these data yourselves; if you wish to please contact trainee.survey@pmetb.org.uk by 12 pm Wednesday 5 February for details. Trainees can obtain their own proof of completion using the "what is my reference number?" link on the PMETB website at:

<http://www.pmetb.org.uk/traineesurvey>

Response rates – approximate as at 1pm 30 January 2008

Deanery	N	Exc	Denom	Corrected Den	RR %
Wales	2104	37	2699	2662	79%
NHS Education South Central- Wessex	1464	112	2006	1894	77%
NES	3564	428	5543	5115	70%
North Western Deanery	1494	9	2652	2643	57%
South Yorkshire & South Humber	653	3	1166	1163	56%
NHS Education South Central - Oxford	818	20	1477	1457	56%
London Deanery	5746	167	10649	10482	55%
NHS Education South West - Peninsula	609	12	1126	1114	55%
Yorkshire Deanery	1553	7	2948	2941	53%
East of England Deanery	1266	23	2433	2410	53%
East Midlands Healthcare Workforce Deanery	1468	5	2859	2854	51%
NHS Education South West - Severn Institute	858	35	1777	1742	49%
# Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine	84	1	175	174	48%
Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	851	149	2010	1861	46%
NHS West Midlands Workforce Deanery	1466	20	3264	3244	45%
Northern Deanery	1104	19	2501	2482	44%
Mersey Deanery	611	16	1990	1974	31%
Kent, Surrey & Sussex Deanery	615	16	2075	2059	30%
Defence Postgraduate Medical Deanery	39	2	143	141	28%
Overall	26367	1081	49493	48412	54%

Explanatory notes:

N is the number of completed returns received (i.e. submitted as of 30 Jan 2008). There may be some usable returns that have not been submitted and are therefore not counted here.

Exc are the number of cases excluded (email address changed, respondent not eligible for the survey due to maternity leave etc).

Denom is based on all the email addresses we have in the database for the deanery; it is not the true denominator as some deaneries have not supplied a full list of trainees, so for these deaneries the response rate may well drop. Some deaneries have promised more data which has yet to materialise, the deadline is 12 pm Wednesday 5 Feb.

Caveats:

Trainees who applied directly to us for a code are not included in the total figures ($N = 748$) as they do not have a deanery code in this table, only in the table of survey responses. No test data (there is a very small amount) has been removed. Mersey deanery has an issue with trainees not looking at their NHSnet accounts that we hoped will be resolved before the survey ends. The Defence Deanery's data are not accurate as some of these trainees have been surveyed via civilian deaneries and these cases should be removed from the denominator.

Next steps

1. Reports will be available via a new website in April. Initially access will be for deaneries only, subsequently the site will be open to all.
2. We may need to query with you the groups against which we report.
3. Some deaneries' post data returns have missing information which we will require if we are to report all response rates; so there will be further queries raised on these files.
4. We will circulate a paper on the data quality of the post data returns.