



PMETB/COPMED National Survey of Trainee Doctors 2008/9

Briefing Note 3

Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

This note covers two points that have arisen in the course of deaneries compiling the data returns that are due in on 8 December. We thank deanery colleagues for reminding us of these special instances:

1. Non-medical public health trainees
2. GP trainees in innovative posts

1. Non- medical public health trainees

These trainees are included in the data return, but obviously they do not have a GMC number. Please enter the following dummy code in place of the GMC number "1000". When we have all the data returns in we will assign these trainees their own unique dummy GMC code, as this is used in the survey database.

2. GP trainees in innovative posts

Following discussion at the Surveys Working Group meeting on the 24 November, it was agreed that these trainees would be covered in the following way:

1. Enter the trainee on two rows of your return: once for the GP part of their post and once for the innovative part of their post.
2. Add a column into the spreadsheet labelled "innovative posts"
3. Enter a 1 in both rows (the GP part and the other part).
4. We will know they are part of the same innovative post as both rows will contain the same GMC number.
5. The trainee will be asked to complete the survey form twice: once for the GP part of their post and once for the innovative part of the post.