

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to international medical graduates.

Question:

With regard to NHS Education for Scotland's 'Softer Landing, Safer Care' initiative:

- How many international medical graduates in NHS Lothian undertook a two-week shadowing placement prior to the start of their general practice posting, in each of the last five years.

With regards to support international medical graduates more generally:

- Are there any other initiatives by NHS Lothian to support international medical graduates prior to the start of their general practice posting?

Answer:

- We would not be aware of the numbers as this initiative is managed by NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and they would need to be asked how many doctors they have placed in NHS Lothian practices.
- NHS Lothian practices who accept GP specialist trainees are all able to access the resources available through the NES enhanced induction programme. All GP Educational Supervisors in these practices who have an IMG as a trainee will be offered a place on the STEP course. However, all of this is administered by the GP Team in NES not NHS Lothian so actual numbers and details of the resources would need to come from them.
<https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise we do not hold this information.

I am sorry I cannot help with your request.

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If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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