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To all Programme Directors, Heads of School and Trainees

Dear Colleague

Statement from the Education and Training Committees on CCT for run-through trainees

Recently we wrote to the GMC to ask their current attitude to the balance between Learning Outcomes achieved and "Time Served" in Specialty Training. This question has been raised by several trainees who are nearing the end of training, and wish to finish in less than the normal 7 years. We have received their reply. This states that they are content that, where the Deanery and the College are sure and have evidence that all aspects of training have been completed, then trainees may in exceptional cases complete their training in less than the normal period, although it is expected that this will be unusual for those having started at ST1 in the new run-through training scheme.

In the exceptional cases where a trainee is thought able to complete early the College will rely on the Deanery to identify this trainee well in advance and to discuss the issues in detail with them at the time of their ARCP, at least a year before the new proposed finishing date. It is essential that the trainee not only completes each of the required WpBAS but also meets all other curricular requirements and demonstrates a degree of maturity normally only achieved by serving the full 7 years in training. These requirements will be verified by the College CCT Sub-group at the end of training. It is acknowledged that special circumstances exist, such as in academic training, where a trainee may have achieved some of the required skills and maturity outside a clinical setting.

Yours faithfully

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