

Summary of PMETB's evidence for National Health Service Litigation Authority (NHSLA) of the level of support and supervision of trainees in England, as defined in Domain 6 of *PMETB Generic standards for training*

PMETB's Quality Framework (QF) identifies and collates important and necessary evidence to ensure that PMETB standards of postgraduate training are being met as well as to promote improvements in training in the UK. The QF is informed by a number of evidence sources including the national training surveys data, PMETB's visits programme, annual deanery and specialty reports, and issues raised under the *Responses to Concerns* process.

PMETB and NHSLA are committed to working together. PMETB has determined each Local Education Provider's (LEP) level of compliance with PMETB's requirements for trainee support, as set out in Domain 6 of the *Generic standards for training*. Each LEP, e.g. NHS trust, has been awarded a score or level indicative of its degree of compliance. This level informs NHSLA's Risk Management Standard 2.4 *Supervision of medical staff in training*.

- An LEP awarded **Level 0** has failed to meet PMETB's minimum requirements for trainee support and development;
- An LEP awarded **Level 1** has shown it meets PMETB's minimum requirements for trainee support and development;
- An LEP awarded **Level 2** has met the minimum requirements of level 1 and demonstrated clear quality control measures for supervision; and
- Finally, an LEP awarded **Level 3** has met the minimum requirements of level 1 and successfully demonstrated that the quality control measures in place exceed PMETB's requirements and identified notable practice.

The criteria and evidence used to assign each level are detailed in the accompanying table.

Disputing PMETB supervision levels

PMETB is responsible for the quality of the data it collates and reports. Where an LEP disputes the accuracy of the data used to determine its level of supervision, it is welcome to report this to PMETB. An LEP can request a review of PMETB's decision. This review by PMETB may be informed by additional evidence supplied by the LEP and / or relevant deanery demonstrating that improvements regarding supervision of trainees have been satisfactorily undertaken. PMETB will review its own evidence along with the newly supplied evidence to determine if the LEP has adequately addressed concerns relating to supervision of trainees. Following the review PMETB may award the LEP with a higher level. However, it is PMETB's decision that is final.

PMETB's supervision levels are directly linked to the level of risk assessment undertaken by NHSLA. To ensure that an LEP is assessed by NHSLA at the appropriate level any reviews of the level of supervision must be completed prior to the assessment.

PMETB is committed to scrutinising its data sources and accuracy of reporting, and will respond to requests for reviews within 10 working days of receipt. Requests for reviews should be addressed to:

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