

## From: Department of Health and Social Care

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**To:** Mehta, Ramesh

**Subject:** Your correspondence of 30 June



*From the Ministerial Correspondence  
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Dear Dr Mehta,

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 June to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care regarding the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin's response to calls to prioritise UK graduates for training posts. I have been asked to reply.

I appreciate your concerns.

As you say, there has been much discussion on social media about the possibility of prioritising UK medical graduates for foundation and specialty training, including on the British Medical Association's resolution.

Since you wrote, the Government's *Fit for the future: 10 Year Health Plan for England* has been published. This confirms that the Government will work to prioritise UK medical graduates for foundation training and to prioritise UK medical graduates and other doctors who have worked in the NHS for a significant period for specialty training.

Internationally educated staff from overseas remain an important part of the workforce. The Government values the skills, expertise and care that the NHS's internationally educated staff bring to work every day. However, the Government is also committed to growing homegrown talent and giving opportunities to more people across the country to join the NHS.

The Government is committed to training the staff it needs to ensure patients are cared for by the right professional, when and where they need it. The Government will ensure that the number of medical specialty training places meets the demands of the NHS in the future.

The Government will publish a refreshed workforce plan soon to deliver a transformed health service, and ensure it has the right staff in the right place, so the NHS can be there for everyone.

You also raise in your letter that the General Medical Council (GMC) should inform candidates wishing to take the PLAB exam about the availability of jobs in the NHS. The GMC is independent of Government, directly accountable to Parliament and is responsible for operational matters concerning the discharge of its statutory duties. Healthcare professional regulators, such as the GMC, have no role in the employment of their registrants. Should you wish to contact the GMC regarding this matter, you can do so directly by email at

[gmc@gmc-uk.org](mailto:gmc@gmc-uk.org).

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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