

Supplementary File – Survey questions and responses relating to PA impact on PGME

Junior Doctor Responses

Unless otherwise stated, the following questions relate to your experiences whilst working in a department with a physician associate. If you have since rotated to a different clinical area that does not employ a physician associate, please refer back to your previous experience.

	0	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	>8
How many educational meetings are/were available for you to attend each month in your department/trust?	1	7	17	4	8	5
On average, how many of these would you attend each month?	3	15	12	10	1	1

	<50%	50-59%	60-69%	70-79%	80-89%	90-100%
What percentage of your mandatory training do/did you manage to attend?	1	4	8	10	12	7

	Every week	Every fortnight	Monthly	Every other month	Several times a year	Once or twice a year	Annually	Never
How often are/were you prevented from attending training events due to staffing shortages?	5	8	9	3	2	10	1	4

With regards to your recent experience of working with one or more newly qualified physician associate, please indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Their presence increased the departmental skills mix	3	7	12	14	6
Their presence reduced the impact of staff shortages	1	7	5	23	6
Their presence relieved pressure from other members of staff	2	4	3	27	6
The presence of a PA reduced my ability to attend organised teaching/training	23	12	4	3	0
The presence of a PA reduced my ability to obtain workplace based assessments	21	13	1	6	1
The presence of a PA reduced the availability of ward based teaching opportunities	24	11	4	2	1

The presence of a PA reduced my ability to be trained in practical procedures	20	13	5	2	2
The presence of a PA had an overall negative impact on my training	23	11	4	3	1
The presence of a PA had overall no impact on my training	6	8	7	16	5
The presence of a PA meant that I was more likely to be able to attend organised teaching/training	6	12	8	14	2
I can recall learning from/being taught by a PA	16	19	3	3	1
My training was enhanced by working with a PA	9	11	8	13	1
Their presence increased training opportunities for junior doctors	4	14	17	4	3
Their presence contributed to the induction of new members of staff	2	12	13	12	3
Their presence contributed to the training of other members of staff	3	18	16	1	2
Training opportunities for junior doctors were diverted to the Physician Associate	9	19	5	8	1
Their presence had an overall negative impact on medical training in the department	13	18	6	5	0

Consultant Responses

With regards to your recent experience of working with one or more newly qualified physician associate, please indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Their presence increased the departmental skills mix	1	1	3	7	4
Their presence reduced the impact of staff shortages	1	0	2	7	6
Their presence relieved pressure from other members of staff	0	2	1	9	4
Their presence increased training opportunities for junior doctors	0	4	6	3	3
Their presence contributed to the induction of new members of staff	0	5	5	4	2
Their presence contributed to the training of other members of staff	1	5	5	4	1
Training opportunities for junior doctors were diverted to the Physician Associate	5	5	3	3	0
Their presence had an overall negative impact on medical training in the department	7	7	2	0	0

PA Responses

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

My role has increased departmental skill mix	0	0	1	6	3
My role has reduced the impact of staff shortages	0	0	0	5	5
My role has relieved pressure from other members of staff	0	0	2	1	7
My role has increased training opportunities for junior doctors	0	1	5	1	3
My role has contributed to induction of new members of staff in the future	0	1	3	4	2
My role has contributed to training other members of staff	0	2	4	1	3
There is sufficient organised teaching provided in my job	0	1	1	4	4
I am able to attend the organised teaching provided	0	0	1	5	4
I am provided with sufficient informal learning opportunities	0	1	2	3	4
Teaching provided by my department is appropriate to my level	0	0	2	3	5
PA specific teaching provided by the trust is meets my needs	0	0	3	1	6