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Dr Dai Lloyd AM
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Health Social Care and Sport Committee
National Assembly for Wales
The Senedd
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Dear Dai

Re: Medical Recruitment Report

I would like to extend my thanks for the opportunity for the College to be involved in the medical recruitment inquiry and we welcome the report.

As highlighted at the launch, RCGP has serious concerns about the use of F3 doctors as locums in general practice. A GP is a skilled and specialised role and a doctor can only become a GP after a minimum 3 year dedicated training scheme.

With the increasing complexity of patients that we see and the transfer of care into the community, it is essential that these standards are maintained. We therefore cannot support doctors who have not been through the training process working unsupervised in general practice.

However, we do support opportunities for doctors in Foundation Years to gain experience in GP under supervision and we are happy to work with HEIW to make this happen.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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Chair
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