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Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your information request received on 6 July 2026 by Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland).

From 1 April 2026, NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) joined to form Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland), enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. This means your Freedom of Information request is now being responded to by PSD Scotland.

I wish to advise under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), that PSD Scotland can provide a partial response to your request, as detailed below.

Your Request

With regard to NHS Education for Scotland's 'Softer Landing, Safer Care' initiative, how many international medical graduates, in numbers and as a percentage, broken down by health board, undertook a two-week shadowing placement prior to the start of a General Practice Speciality Training (GPST) posting.

With regards to support for international medical graduates more generally, what support is offered by NES to all health boards to support international medical graduates prior to the start of a GPST posting.

Under Section 17(1) of the FOISA, information on the number of international medical graduates who undertook a two-week shadowing placement prior to commencing a General Practice Specialty Training (GPST) post, is not held by PSD Scotland.

The shadowing placement arrangement for international medical graduates is managed locally by individual NHS Health Boards. This information can be requested directly from the relevant health board/s within NHS Scotland. The following link has details for each individual board: <https://www.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/>.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

In terms of support the following resources are available on the Scotland Deanery website: [International Medical Graduates | Scotland Deanery](#) including [International Medical Graduate Hub | Turas | Learn](#)

If you are dissatisfied with this reply under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, you should contact us again in writing or by email within 40 days of receipt of this response to request an internal review.

If you remain unhappy with the outcome of that internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision within six months of receiving our response. For further information, please visit the Scottish Information Commissioner's [website](#).

Yours sincerely

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