

Academy of Medical Educators

Position statement

## Healthcare education and training during and following the coronavirus pandemic

The President and executive of the Academy of Medical Educators fully recognise the superhuman efforts made by front line health care staff in primary and secondary care to provide medical care during the coronavirus pandemic.

We recognise that, for some of this time difficult decisions have had to be made and the care of acutely sick patients has had to take priority and that, at times, learning activities for students and trainees has had to take second place to acute, urgent clinical care. We recognise that this has been done out of necessity and to ensure safe patient care.

In the Academy of Medical Educators, we identify today's students and trainees as the practitioners of tomorrow without whom the future health service will not be able to function. We ask those responsible for the planning and delivery of training for future healthcare workers to deliver training as fully as possible to those who are currently on a path to a career in the healthcare professions. We fully recognise that the way in which training is delivered may need to vary in response to the coronavirus epidemic.

The Academy also wishes to emphasise to employers the importance of providing timely and effective support to those who administer, teach, and train the health workforce and to consider creative ways of delivering clinical training as services are restored.

We make this statement at this time because we perceive that high quality clinical training for students and trainees is of paramount importance to there being a safe and robust healthcare workforce to care for the population in the years to come.