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Dear Colleague

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAMMES – AUGUST 2007

Following the recent meeting of the Modernising Medical Careers UK Strategy Group, agreement was reached on the principles governing transition to new specialist training programmes which will come into effect from August 2007. These are attached (Appendix to HSS(MD)18/2006). They set out the principles governing recruitment to, and eligibility for, specialist training programmes in the period up to August 2007. This information will be of value to employers, training bodies and current doctors in training.

These principles will assist employers in making timely arrangements for recruitment. By a similar token, current doctors in training can plan their future careers. You will be informed of further developments as and when they arise.

Two websites are a useful source of detailed background; the Modernising Medical Careers website at www.mmc.nhs.uk and for local arrangements, the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency at www.nimdta.com.

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