

## Improving the Efficiency of Breast Multidisciplinary Team Meetings: A Toolkit for Breast Services

### Section 13: Training

The General Medical Council's new curriculum standards have brought about a revision of all postgraduate medical curricula.

The GMC designed its new standards for postgraduate medical curricula *Excellence by Design*<sup>1</sup> and for *Generic Professional Capabilities Framework*<sup>2</sup>, published in May 2017, with the aim of helping postgraduate medical training programmes re-focus trainee assessment away from an exhaustive list of individual competencies towards fewer broad capabilities required to practice safely as the day-1 consultant.

This will mean significant changes that will include assessments related to MDT working.

For example, in the new surgical curriculum that came into effect in August 2021, one of the domains is 'Capabilities in leadership and team working', where doctors in training must demonstrate that they can lead and work effectively in teams. Trainees will be assessed against the fundamental capabilities required of consultants in the working week, which includes managing multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meetings.

This will require flexibility for MDTMs to be used as a training opportunity, including assessment, for trainees in surgery and other disciplines to experience and demonstrate competence in leadership and team working.

#### Education

Attendance at the Breast MDTM has traditionally been an excellent educational opportunity for undergraduate medical and nursing students as well as post-graduate trainees of all disciplines.

The dramatic increase in MDTM workload over time has severely limited the time available for explanation of decision-making and demonstration of interesting radiological and pathological images for educational purposes. With improvements in efficiency of MDTMs it is may be possible to improve this aspect of the MDTM in the future.

However, the MDTM remains an excellent forum for updating attendees on new advances in breast care in different disciplines as well providing updates from relevant educational meetings and conferences attended.

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#### References:

1. General Medical Council. Excellence by Design. GMC 2017.
2. General Medical Council. Generic professional capabilities framework. GMC 2017.