The UK physician training pathway

5 YEARS	2 YEARS	2–3 YEARS	4+ YEARS	ONGOING
Medical school	Foundation training	Internal medicine training	Higher specialty training	Continuing professional development (CPD)
		General Medical Council		
	N	NHS trusts and providers		
		Home Office		
Governments and the NHS in the four nations				
	Statutory educati	ion bodies (SEBs)		
		The Federatio	on of the Royal Colleges of Physicic	ıns of the UK
Medical and Dental Recruitment and Selection (MDRS)				
			Physician Specialty Recruitm	ent Office (PSRO)

General Medical Council

The regulator for all undergraduate and postgraduate medical training in the UK

- > Quality assurance of postgraduate training
- > Maintains specialist and medical register
- > Sets standards for training, curricula and assessment
- Approves curricula and assessment frameworks

NHS trusts and providers

Delivery of training and ongoing professional development

Home Office

Determines immigration settings for international medical graduates

Governments and the NHS in the four nations

Sets the number of training posts available

Statutory education bodies (SEBs)

Responsible for the support, supervision and delivery of medical training in each of the UK nations. They oversee the work of local education training boards in England and deaneries in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, the bodies responsible for the education and training of doctors at a local level. This is where training programme directors and heads of schools are based

- NHS England Workforce, Training and Education (WTE)
- > Health Education and Improvement Wales
- Northern Ireland
 Medical and Dental
 Training Agency
- NHS Education for Scotland

The Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK

A partnership between the RCP, the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

- Assesses CESR / portfolio pathway applications
- > Postgraduate curricula development via specialty advisory committees (SACs)
- > CPD diary for members and fellows
- > Assessments and exams (eg MRCP)
- >ePortfolio access

Medical and Dental Recruitment and Selection (MDRS)

NHS England WTE subgroup that supervises recruitment into postgraduate training across the four nations

Physician Specialty Recruitment Office (PSRO)

Works within MDRS to deliver recruitment to physician specialties, including IMT

Doctors who have not completed a GMC-approved training programme but have the knowledge, skills and experience equivalent to the approved curriculum may still join the specialist register through the <u>portfolio</u> <u>pathway</u> (formerly known as the certificate of eligibility for specialist registration, or the CESR route).

