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Dear colleague,

RE: STUDENT DATA COLLECTION THANK YOU

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the hard work and effort you have demonstrated to maintain high-quality education and training throughout 2020 and during the COVID pandemic.

I understand how challenging this has been at times, we admire yours and colleagues perseverance and resilience throughout the year. Furthermore, I am very grateful for the manner in which you have continued to respond to Health Education England's (HEEs) leadership across healthcare education and training. With your help, through sharing information such as the Student Data Collection, across HEE we have been able to influence and develop new initiatives for the successful continuation of our students so that they can enter the NHS workforce as quickly as possible.

At this time of the year in particular we take the time to reflect on the year, and as a continuously learning organisation we invite your feedback on the most recent Student Data Collection. Improving the data held on education and placement provision is key to supporting national priorities for investment, so that resources can be targeted in the appropriate areas. Therefore, since launching the Student Data Collection in early 2020, we seek your feedback to help us improve the experience of those who assist in providing data to HEE. Your responses will help us to review how we collect, store and make use of data, to ensure that we improve efficiency, reduce duplication and reduce burden on data providers. A further thank you for the efforts taken to provide HEE with the placement gap, in our November collection. This will help us to arrange interventions which support placements across England and colleagues may be in touch to understand this further.

Please can I ask for your support in achieve this by completing this short [survey by the end of January 2021](#). We have also produced a 'You Said, We Did' from previous surveys, you can view that here: <https://ecollection.hee.nhs.uk/>

Student Data Collections in 2021/22

To assist next year's collections please find below a schedule of the dates for our 2021/22 collections. You will notice that following feedback we have slighted adjusted our mid-year

collection. We hope that this will support better planning for future intakes and reduces burdens in August when we know resources are limited.

Collection	Student Activity Period	Education Providers to submit data to HEE	Aggregated report shared with Placement Providers for validation	Student Placement activity locked/ finalised
February 2021	1 November 2020 to 14 February 2021	Monday 15 to Friday 26 February 2021	Friday 12 March to 26 March 2021	Friday 9 April 2021
June 2021	15 February to 30 June 2021	Thursday 1 July to Friday 16 July 2021	Friday 30 July to Friday 13 August 2021	Friday 27 August 2021
October 2021	1 July to 31 October 2021	Monday 1 to Friday 12 November 2021	Friday 26 November to Friday 10 December 2021	Tuesday 4 January 2022
February 2022	1 November 2021 to 14 February 2022	Monday 14 to Friday 25 February 2022	Friday 11 March to Friday 25 March 2022	Friday 8 April 2022

Future Developments

Throughout 2021 we will continue to engage with you as we seek to implement a number of new initiatives to help support and facilitate healthcare education and training across England. The list below is a summary of our ongoing developments and we will write to you in the new year as these initiatives develop further:

- Education Capacity Collection – seeking to forecast academic and placement capacity requirements;
- Providers Portal – aiming to share back, securely, information provided by you so that you can view how HEE uses this data;
- Further developments to the Student Data Collection – from June 2021 we will be operating this collection across all professions of healthcare education and training.
- Continuing our Placement Gap (Lost Hours) collection

Finally, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and I look forward to our continuing collaboration throughout 2021.

With season wishes,



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