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RE: IMO Feedback on the Medical Council new Student and Trainee Website

Dear Ms Spillane

The Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Medical Council's new Student and Trainee Website before its official launch and would like to make the following brief comments:

1. The IMO welcomes the initiative of the Medical Council to provide information specific to students and trainees through a dedicated website. In particular, Medical students who are members of the IMO, welcome increased interest and communication from the Medical Council towards medical students.
2. Some information on the Fitness to Practice Procedures should be provided to students and trainees.
3. An option to spread the payment of registration fees by monthly direct debit should be established and communicated to all doctors.
4. It might be useful to remind all doctors including trainees, either on the websites or at registration, that their registration fees are tax deductible.

The IMO would be pleased to discuss in detail these comments and any other comments provided in our submissions to the Medical Council should this be required.

Yours sincerely



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