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**General Practice Placements
Academic Year 2020/21**

**Student Feedback
Report**

Dear GPs and Practice Teams

It has been another very challenging year and we are grateful that alongside exceptional clinical workload issues in primary care, you have provided excellent learning opportunities for our students. We appreciate the additional work that this has meant for the whole team, and are truly thankful for your support.

We also thank you for passing on your knowledge to the next generation of future doctors. We are extremely grateful to both GP tutors and practice teams for facilitating the BSMS undergraduate student placements. It is important for you to know what a great job you are doing and how important these experiences are for medical students. The experience that students get in these placements in the earlier years of their training are particularly formative.

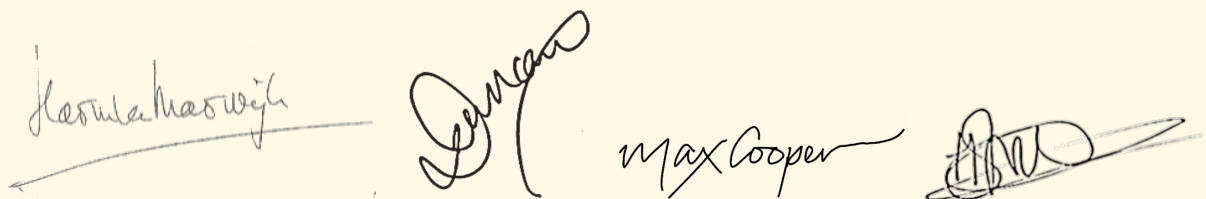
We hope that you find the enclosed feedback both beneficial and a testament to the valuable teaching opportunity that you have provided to students who visited your practice. Alongside *our* most grateful thanks, it is clear that our students often wish to convey their gratitude in their feedback comments.

Please note that your feedback may include student comments on aspects of their placement (e.g. travel time or length of placement, or organisation) which are for BSMS to take on-board and act on, rather than you – our community teachers. We review student feedback and will be doing what we can to adapt and respond to them. If you have any suggestions which may help us address these please let us know.

Please do get in touch with us if you have anything you would like to discuss in more detail or any questions – Heidi Swain on 01273 644563 (the office line is redirected while we continue to work from home) / h.swain@bsms.ac.uk.

With HUGE thanks from the General Practice Team at BSMS.

Prof. Harm van Marwijk; Dr Duncan Shrewsbury; Dr Max Cooper; and Heidi Swain



The image shows four handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right: the first signature is 'Harm van Marwijk' written in a cursive style; the second is 'Duncan Shrewsbury' in a more stylized cursive; the third is 'Max Cooper' in a simple cursive; and the fourth is 'Heidi Swain' in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Number of responses: 2

What were the best aspects of your GP placement?

- They showed different styles of GP appointment - phone calls, e-surveys and video appointments. They also let us see how the nurse and healthcare assistant worked and let us shadow them.
- Practiced taking history over telephone and also able to sit in with other healthcare professional HCA to observe taking bloods and injections.

What improvements could be made to this GP Placement?

- Due to Covid, we couldn't see patients but there were still some patients coming in so I wish the placement was longer so we could have seen the patients.
- None that I can think of. They were very engaging with us. Few technical issues on the first day delayed us a bit but other than that it was good.