ANNEX 3

Entry to the NIPMPL

To practice as a GP in N Ireland it is a requirement to be registered with the GMC and on the NIPMPL.

The application procedure and initial assessment procedure will be designed to:

- Assess if a doctor can be added directly to the PMPL without further assessment or induction.
- If an I&R is required establish the length of time that the doctor is likely to require to be in the scheme part-time up to a funded maximum of six months full-time or equivalent part time.
- Screen out any GP with retraining or induction needs but who do not have the necessary level of knowledge and skill to practice safely in a clinical setting.
- Establish that the GP has not previously been part of a returner, induction or remedial training scheme. Where this is the case, the doctor will not be funded for inclusion in the NI GP Induction and Refresher Scheme.

Application process

Application form to NIPMPL initially.

The form will require provision of full details of qualifications, employment history including their reason for leaving general practice previously, reasons for training need including any conditions on practise, two references, details of English language and any other circumstances which may impact on the ability to work as a GP in NI.

Application to the NIPMPL is initially approved subject to completion of the I and R scheme. The applicant will be invited to apply and complete the application form for the scheme.
Shortlisting will be based on the standard application form and CV. It will be based on meeting specified criteria in terms of qualifications and inclusion in, or eligibility for inclusion in the I & R scheme.

The applicant will be required to submit written evidence in relation to the following;

- The applicant must be able to work at least half time (4 clinical sessions and 1 peer support or CPD session in each week) during the period of training. Exceptions to this will be made rarely and at the discretion of the PMPL committee at the time of consideration of the initial application to the scheme. The weekly support/CPD session will form part of the funded sessions. The applicant should not have any conditions or undertakings with the General Medical Council that would impact on their ability to work without restriction on completion of the scheme.

- The applicant undertakes not to work as a locum in primary care or in out of hours provision during the period of training.

- The applicant should be prepared to have transport appropriate to the requirements of the practice placement and to commute to an identified practice. Since the number of practice placements available is limited, it is not guaranteed that a practice in the desired location will be available.

- The applicant is not required to be resident in NI at the time of application but should have a stated commitment to providing GMS in a substantive GP post in NI following completion of their training.

- The applicant has the necessary references for inclusion in the scheme. These will be the references submitted on application to the performers list.

This application will be considered by the PMPL committee and if approved the applicant will register with NIMDTA to gain access to the MCQ test through the NRO.