

Dear All

I am writing to invite you to participate in a stakeholder consultation as part of an ongoing independent review into the Prescribing Safety Assessment.

The Prescribing Safety Assessment (PSA), which launched in the early 2010s, is a 60-question exam required as part of medical training to progress from Foundation Year 1 to Foundation Year 2 in the UK. Developed by the BPS and the MSC with support of the General Medical Council, it is a joint endeavour to improve safe prescribing.

The commissioned review is being led by Professor Dame Jane Dacre and a panel of experts from across the prescribing landscape. It will look at the continued role of the PSA, its funding and governance, and ultimately provide recommendations on how the assessment might evolve to meet changes in the prescribing education and assessment – particularly considering the introduction of the Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA), a two-part national assessment which will test the core knowledge, skills and behaviours of doctors new to medical practice in the UK and will feature questions on prescribing.

The review panel would like to encourage all those involved with prescribing and the PSA to contribute to the consultation. Your views will help optimise the preparation of professionals in safe prescribing practice. We invite you to share your thoughts via an online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/97R6PTW>

The stakeholder consultation survey should take no more than 30 minutes to complete and will close on Friday 23 December 2022. We will aim to share findings from the review in mid-2023.

Best wishes

**Prof Dame Jane Dacre and the  
PSA Review Oversight Group**