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Dear colleague

### **Take part in our research into Good Medical Practice**

We'd like to invite you to take part in independent research that will help us review our core standards for doctors - Good Medical Practice (GMP). As a practising doctor or medical student, we want to hear your views about GMP and how you use our standards and ethical guidance.

#### **What does this involve?**

Taking part will involve joining an online forum over a two-week period in early May. You'd be required to log in to the forum and answer a series of questions every few days.

We need 50 doctors and medical students to take part in the forum on an anonymous basis. You don't need to have any specific knowledge or do any preparation to take part. We're simply looking to hear a real-life view about your expectations and experience of our guidance, even if this is minimal.

We recognise that it continues to be a difficult time, but we would be very grateful for your views so we can make sure our future standards are clear, realistic and relevant.

#### **Independent research**

We've commissioned Community Research to undertake this research on our behalf. The research is independent, and your answers will remain anonymous. Your participation is voluntary and we'll never know who has taken part. Individuals' views and comments will never be passed back to the GMC.

Acumen Fieldwork has been contracted to recruit doctors and medical students to the study. You have been identified to take part in the research through Acumen's own database, via their existing contacts or information freely available in the public domain. We, at the GMC, haven't given them your personal contact details. And they won't be passed back to us.

#### **Any questions?**

Frequently asked questions about this study can be found at the end of this letter. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rachel Lopata, Director at

Community Research on [rachel@communityresearch.co.uk](mailto:rachel@communityresearch.co.uk) 07881 411458 or Karen Roberts, Research Manager at the GMC on [karen.roberts@gmc-uk.org](mailto:karen.roberts@gmc-uk.org) 0161 250 6933.

Thank you. I very much hope you will be able to take part with this important piece of research.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Swindells', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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