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| **6** | Extension of Quality monitoring to Practitioner groups **Paper 3** | Rob Farley |

**Summary**

NES has supported elements of the NHS-employed practitioner workforce over the years. Whilst most of our monitoring work has been concerned with postgraduate scientist developments, departments may also host practitioner-level grades, i.e. undergraduate-level trainees employed directly by the NHS. We intend to extend our monitoring of training to include these groups, principally clinical physiologists and clinical technologists. The recent admission of decontamination science staff into the healthcare science workforce may also have implications for this work. We have begun work gathering more information about which trainees are in the system and where. In March / April 2018 we invited around 35 practitioner-level trainees to report to us their experience regarding training. Most have indicated satisfaction, but the picture is incomplete as information is still being returned to us. However, the proportion of mild to moderate concerns is much higher than any previous returns from postgraduate trainees.

**Quality monitoring of practitioner-level training departments**

Our quality monitoring of training centres is to assure that standards of training are consistent across healthcare science disciplines. Poor quality training can be a proxy for unsafe clinical practise, so our activity also has a patient safety thread. The previous Healthcare Science team of Specialty / Principal Leads did important work on postgraduate training centre accreditation. To begin with, we intend to run a self-accreditation exercise for those departments not covered by previous postgraduate training accreditation, and then work towards any panel review, trainer recognition and trainee progression. Essentially the steps involved for practitioner training would be identical for those already underway for our postgraduate cohort. **SLIDES**

**Advice Sought**

**Do people have any views about proposal to widen quality monitoring to practitioner groups?**