

The Placement Supervision Group for Supervisors

This UKFPO factsheet explains the placement supervision group from the perspective of supervisors.

The placement supervision group or PSG is a group of individuals allied to the FD's placement, who interact with the FD on a daily or weekly basis and who can provide constructive senior feedback on the FD's clinical performance both to the FD themselves and the CS.

The makeup of the PSG will vary depending on the placement but is likely to include:

- Doctors more senior than F2, including at least one consultant or GP principal
- Senior nurses including practice nurses or nurse practitioners (band 5 or above)
- Ward pharmacists
- Allied health professionals

In a general practice placement, the PSG may be limited to one or two GPs.

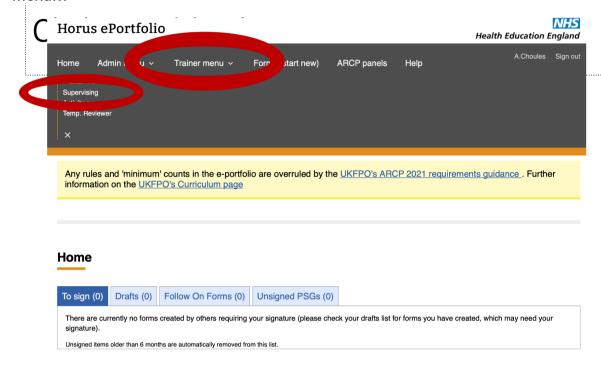
The roles of the PSG are:

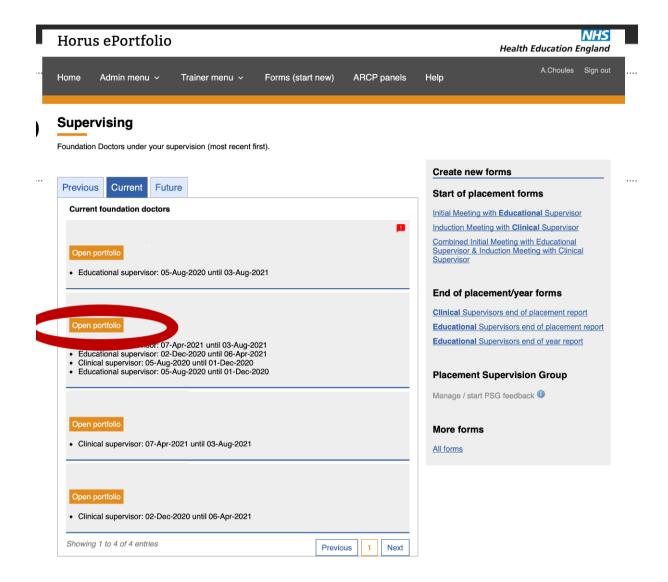
- Observing the foundation doctor's practice in the workplace
- Undertaking and facilitating supervised learning events (SLEs)
- Providing contemporaneous feedback on practice to the foundation doctor
- Providing structured feedback to the clinical supervisor
- Raising concerns immediately if unsatisfactory performance by the foundation doctor has been identified.

In compiling his or her end of placement report, the CSR, the named clinical supervisor should use feedback from the PSG. This process is important because, within any placement, an individual healthcare professional is unlikely to build up a coherent picture of the overall performance of an individual foundation doctor. The information provided by the PSG is different to that provided by the multisource feedback or TAB used in the FP in that it relates to clinical performance rather than simply professional behaviour.

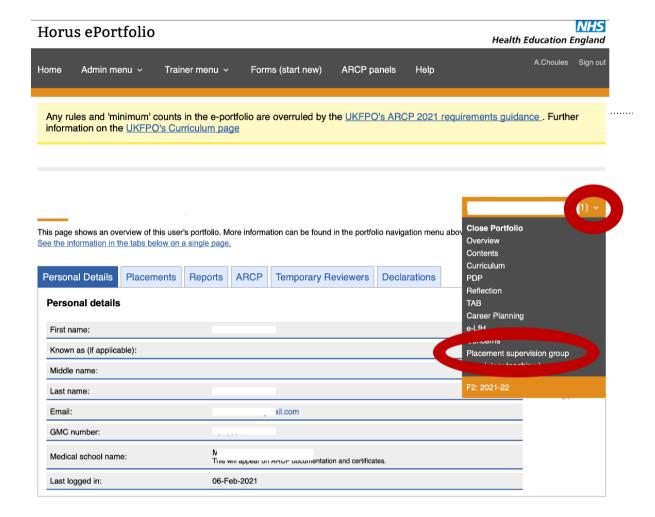
The PSG feedback is given via a structured form to help guide other professionals who may not be as familiar with the FP as educators directly involved in the training of FDs. Members of the PSG can be invited by the CS to complete the form via the eportfolio.

To request PSG feedback in the Horus portfolio, select your FD from the trainer menu...

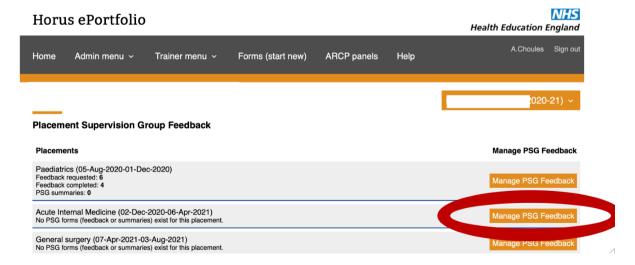




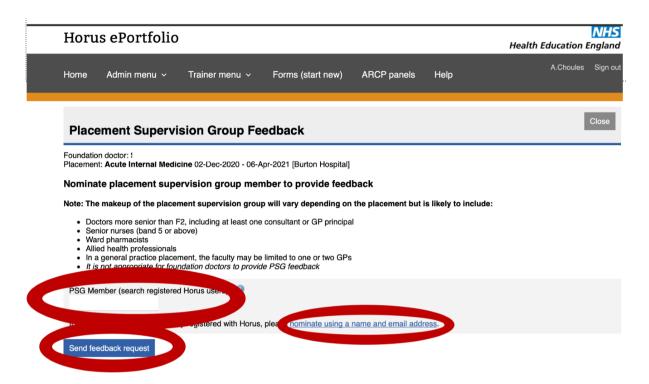
Open the FD's portfolio and select 'Placement Supervision Group'



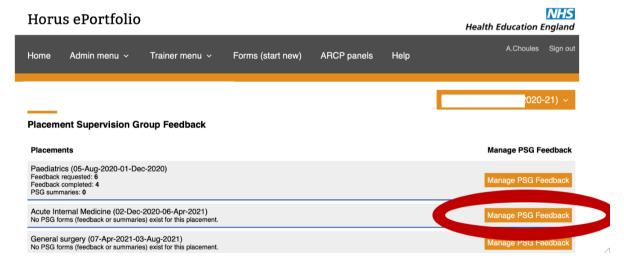
Select the placement you wish to obtain feedback for:



If the PSG member has a Horus account you can simply type in their name...if not then you will need to nominate them via their email address. You can then send the feedback request.



You can review individual feedback, send reminders and create summary by going back to the 'Manage PSG' page.



Those reviewing the outcome of the PSG must ensure the feedback is appropriate, fair, non-judgmental and is free from bias.

Where possible, a PSG should be involved in each of the FD's CSRs but, at a minimum, formal PSG feedback must be involved in one report for each level of the foundation training. Where there are significant concerns raised by the PSG about a FD's performance in one placement, at least one more CSR supported by evidence from a PSG must be completed before the next critical progression point.

A short webinar containing this information is available at https://foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/curriculum/

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