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Publication of the Tooke Review Final Report

Doctors pressure group RemedyUK wholeheartedly welcomes the final report of the independent inquiry into MMC, led by Sir John Tooke.

He has added two points since his preliminary report. He suggests 1) removing government influence from medical training and 2) urgently investigating ways in which the negative impact of the European Working Time Directive on training can be minimised. Independent of the report he declares concern for the large numbers of doctors squeezed out of training because of transition between the old and new system.

This vocalises exactly what every grass-roots doctor in the UK passionately believes: that medical training should be returned to the profession and protected from politicians and bureaucrats said Chris McCullough CEO of RemedyUK It's the one thing that might just save UK training which is currently in free-fall. If this report is ignored in any way by the Government they can expect a mass rebellion from the profession

RemedyUK have recently launched a campaign challenging the full implementation of the European Working Time Directive that will limit doctors' working hours to 48 hours a week in August 2009.

It is impossible to train a specialist in such a short time, and there is a genuine concern for the patients of tomorrow if the full EWTD goes through said Matt Jameson Evans co-founder A solution or loophole must be found which allows doctors to gain appropriate experience or the consequences will be dire

The question of the pool of 12,000 experienced doctors caught between the old and new training systems with apparently no future prospects in the UK remains a focus of RemedyUK's attention in the coming months.

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