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Dear Ms Thomas

Thank you for your letter of 9 January regarding the petition on including menopause as a mandatory part of the curriculum for all healthcare sciences and medical students.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to provide you with information on the GMC's role in medical education and training. Whilst our powers do not extend to directing the inclusion of specific content in undergraduate curricula, medical schools must demonstrate to us that they meet our standards and outcomes for graduates, including in relation to learning about women's health.

The attachment I include with this letter explains the steps we have taken to include women's health and menopause in the content map for our Medical Licensing Assessment for doctors new to medical practice, including international doctors seeking registration via our examination route. All students graduating from UK medical schools from the academic year 2024/25 will be required to pass this new assessment. The document also describes how we are using our generic professional capabilities framework to influence postgraduate medical education and training, to ensure that women's health and menopause are included in postgraduate curricula.

I hope you find the information provided in this response useful. The GMC is committed to working with our partners across the UK, including within the Senedd, to improve the safety and quality of care that women receive throughout their lives. I would be happy to provide additional information or clarification if helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Massey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**CHARLIE MASSEY**