The National Evaluation of Specialty Selection project: information leaflet

We need your help to improve selection into specialty training.

The University of Birmingham is undertaking an independent national evaluation of selection processes for specialty training (NESS) for the Department of Health and we need your help to answer some key questions:

1. How acceptable are the selection procedures for you as doctors in training?
2. Do the selection processes select the right doctors for training in each specialty?
3. Do the existing selection processes use your time in the most way of effective way?

We are working with 13 specialties and the outcomes of the evaluation will provide information that can help improve specialty selection in the UK.

What does this mean for you?

- After completing your specialty selection ‘interview’, we will invite you to complete a ten minute questionnaire giving your views on the selection process.
- We will also invite you to take part in later stages of the project, which are designed to assess the effectiveness of selection processes in identifying the right doctors.

Your consent will be sought for your involvement with this evaluation and your support is critical to its success.

We hope you will support the evaluation and good luck in your specialty training interviews.

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Co-Directors, February 2009

Further information is available at
http://www.education.bham.ac.uk/research/projects1/modernising_medical_careers.shtml