



# Improving Selection to the Foundation Programme **Parallel Recruitment Exercise**

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# Phased introduction

- SJT for live rounds from next year
- 'Full dress rehearsal' this year



# Responsibilities

- UKFPO in overall charge as now
- UK med schools run SJTs for their students
- MSC to arrange test for overseas applicants



# Test Format

- Paper based
- Seventy questions
- 140 minutes
- Machine-marked



# Question Format

Two types:

- Rank 5 options
- Pick 3 best options from eight



# The National Dimension

- All applicants to take the test
- Papers centrally printed and marked
- National timetable
- National standards for test delivery



# National production and marking

Arrangements need to cover:

- Number of papers required
- Special requirements (eg large text)
- Secure delivery, storage and collection
- Traceability



# National Timetable

- Two national dates on which schools can run the SJT
- Third fall-back date at national location
- Need to define special circumstances for fall-back

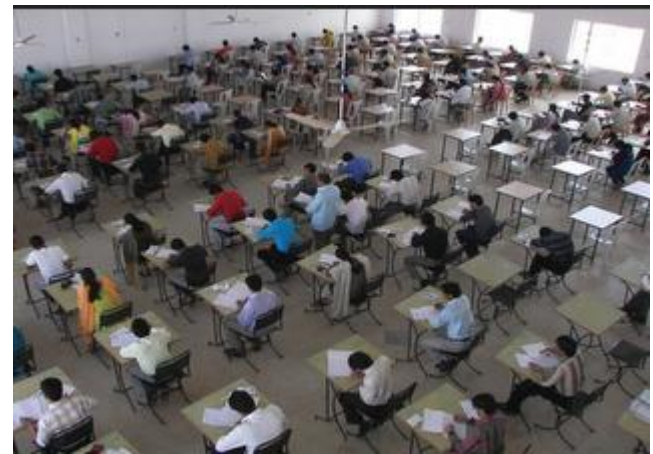




# Test delivery

## Issues:

- Space
- Invigilation
- Security
- Quality of venue
- Briefings
- etc





# Round Table Discussions (i)

1. What barriers do you see to running a successful SJT both for the PRE and when it goes live; and how might they be overcome?
2. What solutions has your school come up with to ensure high participation in the PRE SJT?
3. Beyond suggestions in the administrators guidance, what do you plan to do to prepare students for the SJT?



## Round Table Discussions (ii)

4. How should the SJT be delivered? Proposal:

### LOCAL

- Which of 2 dates
- Number of venues
- Number of sittings

(within budget – tbc)

### NATIONAL

- Extenuating circs & access to 3<sup>rd</sup> date
- Extra time (25% all?)
- Timing (Fri pm, Mon am)
- Criteria for venue, security etc