

Horus ePortfolio statement for Foundation Doctors commencing F1 in August 2016 in Foundation Schools in England

Introduction

As you know, all foundation doctors are required to use an electronic portfolio (e-portfolio) during their foundation training. There are two providers used to deliver the Foundation Programme e-portfolio across the UK: NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and HEE's North West team – the e-portfolios are known respectively as NES ePortfolio and Horus. Currently, all foundation schools in the UK except the North West of England use the NES ePortfolio.

Plans for August 2016 and August 2017

From August 2016, all foundation doctors **from the former Mersey Foundation School (MFS)** will use Horus, to complete the MFS's merger with the North Western Foundation School – now known as the North West of England Foundation School.

From August 2017, all foundation doctors **in England** will be moved onto Horus.

Why change?

Health Education England (HEE) is following the advice from the Cabinet Office's Government Digital Service, which is that Government bodies and non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) should develop in-house capability and capacity to deliver digital services. HEE is reviewing the supply and management of all its digital requirements, including the provision of the e-portfolio service for foundation doctors in England. The review of e-portfolio systems took into account that HEE already provides Horus to foundation doctors in the North West, which is an established high quality and value for money service with excellent user satisfaction ratings.

The Horus ePortfolio is therefore to be extended to all foundation doctors in England as part of HEE's information services strategy.

The North West has built and developed its foundation e-portfolio over a number of years, in consultation with local foundation school administrators, directors and foundation doctors. Horus evaluates consistently well by doctors, trainers and administrative staff and will also deliver a cost saving to HEE.

How will this affect you?

You will use the NES ePortfolio during your FY1 and Horus during your FY2 (or during your FY1 from August 2017 if you are working less than full time). HEE is working with the NES information team to ensure you maintain access to your foundation information entered in the NES ePortfolio after the move to Horus. Further details will be available in early 2017. Meanwhile, your local foundation school team will provide you with the information you need on how to access your e-portfolio such as website address, log-in details and password.

Please be assured that whichever e-portfolio system you use during your foundation training, we guarantee that your information will remain safe and secure.

For further information on the Foundation Programme and its e-portfolios, please visit the UKFPO's [e-portfolio](#) web page.