#### **Educational Supervisors**

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- Recognition of time and effort involved in being an educational supervisor
- Different approaches & styles
- Feedback from other registrars in the region 'what makes a great educational supervisor'
- May change as SpRs progress through training

- Phase 1:
  - Acknowledgement of the pressure of Part A
  - Support with exam preparation help with practice questions and related work place experience
  - Acknowledgement of previous experience
  - Provides shadowing opportunities
  - Involves registrars in meaningful work



- Phase 2
  - Support with Part B
  - Involves registrars with key elements of health protection including preparation for on-call and hands on health protection experiences



 Works with registrar to consider what training experiences they might require in the remainder of their training

- Phase 3
  - Access to senior leaders in councils including meaningful interactions with elected members
  - Exposure to consultant level situations ensuring the registrar is competent and prepared for a consultant post
  - Support to become effective public health leaders through opportunities to lead significant programmes of work

- All phases....
  - E Portfolio
  - Knowledge of the training programme
  - Interest in the aspirations of the registrar
  - Facilitating involvement in the team
  - Treat registrar as a colleague
  - Dedicated time for 1:1s
  - Good pieces of work relevant to the registrar's ability and training needs

#### Good Educational Supervisor Attributes

- Generosity with time and wisdom
- Trust and confidence in the ability of the SpR
- Willingness to develop trainees
- Gives regular, constructive feedback
- Provides a range of training opportunities

#### ....and some not so good attributes

- A lack of time or lack of direction
- Not committed to the training of a registrar
- Lack of understanding of the role of a registrar
- Doesn't take account of the long and short term needs of the registrar
- A lack of, or unconstructively critical feedback
- Micromanagement

"Thank you to all those who have supervised me over the years – I recognise that it can be a very thankless task at times, and this may get worse in the future. Please continue to do it..." Anon. Reg.