

The Doctor Support Service

Independent confidential support for doctors involved in a fitness to practise case

The General Medical Council (GMC) has commissioned BMA Doctors for Doctors to provide dedicated confidential emotional support to any doctor involved in a fitness to practise case who would like it.

Having your fitness to practise investigated can be a very stressful experience, and some doctors find it particularly difficult. This service provides doctors going through a fitness to practise case with an independent source of emotional support.

The service is open to any doctor, whether or not you are a BMA member, and is free of charge.



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Emotional support in confidence

- You can call the service throughout your fitness to practise case for emotional support from a fellow doctor who is completely independent of the GMC.
- With sufficient notice, your supporter can accompany you if you are invited to a meeting with the GMC or if your case ends up at a hearing (for up to two days of the hearing).
- After a case has closed, you can also talk to your supporter about how you feel about the outcome.
- The dedicated telephone line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- The support service is completely independent of the GMC.

Medical advice

Although staffed by doctors, the support service can't offer you medical advice. You should see your treating medical practitioner about medical issues.

Legal advice

The service can't offer you legal advice. You should speak to your medical defence organisation or a solicitor for this.

Call now on 020 7383 6707 or email doctorsupportservice@bma.org.uk.

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