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Medical Council

Report on the Inspection of Beaumont Park Clinic, 77 The Parks, Beaumont Woods, Beaumont, Dublin 9, D09 T974.

17th February 2025

About the Medical Council

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Context for Intern Inspections

As part of the Medical Council's regulatory and quality assurance role, the Council sets and monitors adherence to standards for education and training as set out in Medical Practitioners Act 2007.



For Intern clinic training sites, the standards for education and training are set out in the [Standards for Training and Experience Required for the Granting of a Certificate of Experience to an Intern](#).

These standards have been drawn up in fulfilment of the Medical Council's responsibilities under Part 10 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, to specify and publish in the prescribed manner, the standards for training and experience for interns which is required for the granting of a certificate of experience (section 88 (3) (d)).

The Council monitors compliance and adherence to these standards via site inspections and our monitoring processes.

INSPECTION REPORT – BEAUMONT PARK CLINIC

Date of Inspection: 17th February 2025
Location: Beaumont Park Clinic, 77 The Park, Beaumont Woods, Beaumont, Dublin 9, D09 T974

Inspection Team Details

Assessor Team: Mr Graham Knowles (Chair)
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Inspection considerations and decision-making process:

The assessor team considered all documentation submitted by Beaumont Park Clinic, the self-evaluation form and the supporting documentation received prior to the visit. Additionally, information and explanations provided by the supervisor, Operations Lead from the Dublin Northeast Intern Network, and the intern at the site when assessing the clinical training site's compliance with Medical Council Standards for Training and Experience Required for the Granting of a Certificate of Experience to an Intern.

A level of compliance will be applied to each standard based on documentation reviewed as mentioned above, information gathered from interviews and the facilities inspection. The varying levels of compliance that can be allocated to each standard are highlighted below.

Recommendations and Commendations can be offered based on the compliance rating and any general observations by the Team following the inspection visit.

Level of Compliance for each Standard can be rated as:

Non- compliance (NC)



Partial compliance (PC)



Full compliance (FC)



Standard 1: Rotations

Which category of interns did you meet?

Surgery in general	☐	Medicine in general	☐	Emergency Medicine	☐
General Practice	☒	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	☐	Paediatrics	☐
Anaesthesia (to include peri-operative medicine)	☐	Radiology	☐	Psychiatry	☐

Duration of Rotation:

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
Training and experience must comply with the Medical Council's policy on length of internship and approved rotations; that is, a minimum of a total of twelve months, which should normally be consecutive, of which at least three months must be spent in Medicine in general and at least three months in Surgery in general.	FC
As part of this twelve-month period, an intern may also be employed for not less than two months and not more than four months in the following specialties: Emergency Medicine; General Practice; Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Paediatrics; Psychiatry; Anaesthesia (to include perioperative medicine) and Radiology.	FC
Assessor Comments: Beaumont Park Clinic was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 1- Rotations. 1. The assessor team noted that the current intern's GP rotation was for 3 months at Beaumont Park Clinic. 2. The intern rotation falls within the General Practice speciality. Recommendations: - Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic on Standard 1. Commendations: - There are no commendations for this standard.	

Standard 2: Accreditation

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
The training site must be affiliated with a Medical School and/or a PGTB/network and/ or health system which is accredited by the relevant regulator. The responsible body for organising, coordinating, managing, and assessing the training setting and the training process on the site must be clearly identified.	FC
Assessor Comments: 1. Beaumont Park Clinic was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 2 - Accreditation. The practice is associated with the RCSI and the Dublin Northeast Intern Network. Recommendations: - Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic on Standard 2. Commendations: - There are no commendations for this standard.	

Standard 3: Content of Training

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. Practice – based training involving the intern’s personal participation, at an appropriate level, in the service and responsibilities of patient-care activity, in the training institution.	FC
2. Personal participation at a level (not acting “above grade”) appropriate to an intern’s growing competence (including not being asked to undertake clinical activities above their level of competence)	FC
3. Regular opportunities for the intern to exercise responsibility and clinical decision-making appropriate to their growing competency, skills, knowledge and experience.	FC
4. Regular opportunities to work as an integral part of a team with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds.	FC
5. Regular, pre-arranged/ scheduled formal education and training sessions.	FC
6. Evidence that the content of training and syllabus / curriculum is consistent with the eight domains of good professional practice as adopted by the Medical Council.	FC
7. Does this site provide training delivered in an integrated manner to include theoretical learning and practical training during service delivery?	FC
Assessor Comments: Beaumont Park Clinic was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 3 – Content of Training. 1. Based on conversations with both the intern and the supervising GP, it was clear that professional participation was at the appropriate level, in terms of service and responsibilities of patient-care activity. The intern felt well supported from the start of their rotation. They were welcomed into the practice and given support throughout.	

2. The intern advised they act at a grade appropriate to their growing competence. At the beginning of their rotation at the practice, the intern focussed mainly on Chronic Disease Management. As they progressed with this, they felt they were able to see patients and felt comfortable to discuss this with their supervisor. Should the intern have any questions during their consultations with patients, they feel comfortable and are welcome to drop into a GP at the practice's room to discuss. The intern is encouraged to keep a log of all patients they see, in that way it is easier to pick out any presentations they have not yet encountered.
3. The intern advised the assessor team that they feel they progressed well at the practice. They informed the team that they started this rotation by sitting in with staff and being shown how to navigate the practice management system, shadowing the supervising GPs and nursing staff. Each day, the intern is assigned same-day appointment patients or low-complexity patients, either by a GP at the practice or the practice manager. The intern has 45-minute appointment slots, wherein they take a history and examine the patient and would formulate a management treatment plan which is always reviewed and discussed with their supervising GP for the day. The intern also wrote prescriptions, and each prescription was checked by a GP before being issued to the patient.
4. The intern on-site advised that they work closely with the GPs at the practice, but also had frequent interactions with practice nurses, whom they would help/ shadow when time allowed. The team noted that the practice provides care at a near-by nursing home, and the intern would visit with one of the GP's every Monday morning. The intern is welcome at practice meetings. The intern also spoke about the value of the interactions with the GP Registrars on-site who gave advice, not only on clinical issues, but preparation for a career in General Practice.
5. The intern stated that there are regular education and training sessions with protected teaching time either in-person or online, including Simulation Teaching at Beaumont Hospital as well as online lectures which take place at lunchtime, and there are no issues with their attendance. Daily informal learning also takes place due to the nature of the supervisory relationship in place for the intern.
6. There was evidence that the content of training and curriculum is consistent with the Eight Domains of Good Professional Practice.
7. The supervising GP on-site has case-based discussions with the intern, and teaching is provided in an integrated manner which includes theoretical learning and practical training during service delivery.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic on Standard 3.

Commendations

- There are no commendations for this standard.

Standard 4: Supervision

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. There must be effective overarching supervision of the intern's training and clinical practice by an identified clinician(s) of appropriately senior level, normally a specialist doctor who is recognised as a specialist by the relevant regulatory authority of the host country.	FC
Assessor Comments: Beaumont Park Clinic was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 4 – Supervision. 1. It was felt that the intern at Beaumont Park Clinic is adequately supervised, with overarching supervision from the supervising GP on-site. At the practice, the intern is assigned a daily supervising GP, whom they are aware of in advance. Recommendations: - Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic on Standard 4. Commendations - It is evident to the team there is a culture and ethos of sharing and transferring of tasks at Beaumont Park Clinic. This has been formalised through a written policy; the team wishes to commend and recognise the practice for their commitment to this.	

Standard 5: Assessment

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. There must be evidence of regular and constructive feedback and assessment by the supervisor/trainer who has knowledge of the intern's development and performance and can verify their satisfactory progress.	FC
2. The supervisor/trainer must meet any requirements set by the Medical Council regarding the policy and process of final assessment and sign-off.	FC
Assessor Comments: Beaumont Park Clinic was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 5 - Assessment. 1. The practice has maximised the opportunities that are available to them for informal feedback on a once off basis, and for discussion of unusual case presentations from all members of the multi-disciplinary team. However, the Assessor team suggests that the practice begins to schedule formal feedback meetings as this would be of benefit to the intern, providing them with a structured feedback process in addition to the informal feedback they receive. 2. The supervisor advised they already completed the sign-off form for the intern who has finished their rotation at Beaumont Park Clinic. An intern on their third rotation is currently in-situ at the practice. Recommendations: - Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic on Standard 5. Commendations - There are no commendations for this standard.	

Standard 6: Professionalism

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. The training environment must emphasise professionalism and the development and maintenance of the relevant knowledge, skills, attitude and behaviour, including communication skills, integrity, compassion, honesty, adherence to professional codes, respect for patients and their families, colleagues and self-care.	FC
2. The intern must be aware of, and comply with, the Medical Council's "Guide to Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Medical Practitioners", and the training should support these ethical standards.	FC

Assessor Comments:

Beaumont Park Clinic was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 6 – Professionalism.

1. The supervisor and intern on-site at Beaumont Park Clinic advised that tutorials around Professionalism happen organically, in addition to specific tutorials regarding communication, consent for patients who are children and teenagers. The intern was comfortable to discuss issues of Professionalism with the GPs at the practice and received support. There are posters in each consultation room regarding the Chaperone policy in place.
2. The intern is aware of the Medical Council's "Guide to Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Medical Practitioners", and the training supports these ethical standards.

As per the suggestion of the intern, the team suggests that Dublin Northeast Intern Network consider introducing some role-play teaching sessions regarding consent, difficult 1-2-1 consultations, gaining consent and consultations with patients with English as a second language. The assessor team discussed this with the representative from the Intern Network at their meeting on 17th February, to which they seemed amenable to the suggestion.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic on Standard 6.

Commendations

- There are no commendations for this standard.

Standard 7: Resources for Interns

Criteria	FC/PC/NC
1. Access to a sufficient number of patients and case mix so as to provide exposure to a broad range of clinical cases appropriate to the rotation.	FC
2. Space and opportunity for private study and access to a library with adequate and up to date books and journals, including on-line access to standard library databases for journal access and literature searches.	FC
3. The number of interns on a site should be appropriate to the resources of that site, including its staffing at all levels while at the same time having due regard for patient care and comfort.	FC
4. The training site must emphasise the primacy of patient safety, and interns must be encouraged to raise concerns about ethical issues, should they arise, with their mentor, clinical supervisor and/or the hospital authorities. The intern must have access to appropriate advice and counselling should it be required.	FC
Assessor Comments: Beaumont Park Clinic was found to be fully compliant in all areas relating to Standard 7 – Resources for Interns.	
1. The intern advised they have a sufficient case-mix of patients, and the supervising GP specifically mentioned walk-in patients, paediatric cases, women's health cases, the	

provision of care at the nursing home, cryotherapy and minor operations. The intern also completes on-call duty at Beaumont Hospital which they felt was valuable to keep in touch with the hospital while out on GP placement. It is suggested that Beaumont Park Clinic extend opportunities for the intern to attend the out of hours services via the on-call co-operative, and this suggestion was made to the representative from the Intern Network during the meeting.

2. While there is no permanent dedicated room for the intern, the practice has ensured there is a dedicated room for the intern each day.
3. There was one intern on-site at the time of the inspection, and the remaining rotation will also see one intern on site. There is an appropriate level of resources for the site to provide safe patient care.
4. The intern was aware of whom to reach out to if they had any cause for concern. In the first instance, it would be their supervising GP. The team were impressed with how open the practice was, and the intern had no issues with raising concerns.

Recommendations:

- Based on full compliance, there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic on Standard 7.

Commendations

- There are no commendations for this standard.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION AND THE INSPECTION VISIT

General observations:

Beaumont Park Clinic is an urban practice, comprising of five GP partners; two GP registrars; seven administrative staff members and one practice manager. Within the practice itself, there are five consultation rooms, a large nurse's room, large waiting room on the ground floor and an additional waiting room on the first floor, as well as a reception area. There is one patient bathroom and one staff bathroom. The practice provides services such as women's health, chronic disease management, men's health, skin and minor surgery to name a few.

To note, the team met with the intern who completed their rotation from October 2024 to January 2025.

The team noted that the practice operates a working policy of Open Disclosure at the practice and issues in this regard are discussed openly at the practice meetings. The representative from Dublin Northeast Intern Network advised the team that Open Disclosure is a mandatory module for interns with the College. They also mentioned that the lecturers at the College were collectively looking at putting together specific teaching for those interns in General Practice.

Recommendations:

Based on full compliance across the Standards there are no recommendations for Beaumont Park Clinic.

Commendations: Standard 4: Assessment

It is evident to the team there is a culture and ethos of sharing and transferring of tasks at Beaumont Park Clinic. This has been formalised through a written policy; the team wishes to commend and recognise the practice for their commitment to this.

DECLARATION

The Clinical Site at Beaumont Park Clinic, 77 The Park, Beaumont Woods, Beaumont, Dublin 9, D09 T974 was inspected on 17th February 2025 for the purposes of:

- **Satisfying the Medical Council that Beaumont Park Clinic setting meets acceptable intern training standards. (49 (3)(b)) MPA 2007**
- **Monitoring adherence to guidelines on medical education and training for interns and standards for training and experience required for the granting of a certificate of experience. (88(3)(e)) MPA 2007**

It is recommended that Beaumont Park Clinic, 77 The Park, Beaumont Woods, Beaumont, Dublin 9, D09 T974 be approved by the Medical Council as the site:

- **Is compliant with the standards for training and experience required for the granting of a certificate of experience to an Intern.**
- **Adheres to the relevant Guidelines on Medical Education and Training for Interns**

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