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In relation to Surgery training numbers, NHS Education for Scotland (NES) collects medical specialty training data. They do not hold "nationality" information directly, as that is not a demographic which NES, GMC or UK recruitment currently collect. They do however collect the Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) location to give an indication.

There will be some EU nationals who attended a UK school, and some UK nationals who graduated from an overseas university outside the EU, but this should give a reasonable figure for your purposes. There are approximately 600 Surgical trainees. These are trainees in the specialties that are linked to the surgical specialty training board (below). NES have some incomplete data as not every trainee will complete the information despite NES requesting this. NES have also crosschecked with GMC data to get the most accurate picture.

From this data, and with the caveats above, 3% (18) of our trainees have a non UK EU PMQ. The figures are quite small but PMQ origin of Greece, Republic of Ireland, Poland, are the most common. Most EU trainees are in ophthalmology and general surgery. For comparison, approx. 8% of the surgical trainees have a PMQ from countries outside the EU.

Specialties included
Cardio-thoracic surgery
Core Surgical Training
General surgery
Neurosurgery
Ophthalmology
Oral and maxillo-facial surgery

Otolaryngology
Paediatric surgery
Plastic surgery
Trauma and orthopaedic surgery
Urology
Vascular Surgery

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