Medical Student Visits  
Information for Patients

Thank you for agreeing to meet some of our first or second year medical students. You will be providing them with a valuable experience that will contribute a great deal to their understanding of what it takes to become a good doctor.

It is part of their training that these students go out into the community regularly to meet people and talk to them about their life experiences, their health and what they need from the health service. This helps them as future doctors to understand as much as possible about other people’s everyday lives and to improve their ability to communicate well, so that they learn how to offer the best health care possible according to individual needs.

The students will not be able to give you any health advice as they are not yet qualified to do this.

If the students ask you anything you do not wish to answer please say so and they will move on to another topic.

In order to get the most out of this visit the students will discuss it with their medical school tutor and student group. They may also make reference to the visit in writing for their tutors about what they have learnt. However, they will respect your privacy at all times and will not reveal your name or any details about you in a way that would identify you.