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CONSULTATION:	Protecting a vital resource - how to create a satisfying career in Emergency Medicine
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The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG) is concerned about how careers in all acute specialties are perceived.

We welcome this document and its attempt to support those in such disciplines and those considering them as a career. However, while there is much valuable guidance within the thoughtful sections of the document, this is based on the 2003 contract for consultants as it applies in England and Wales. There is no mention of how such guidance would apply to contracts in other parts of the UK. A similar lack of extension of the guidance applies in respect of that for trainees. We also have some concerns that the creation of such a document emphasises the issues of such careers yet is unable to address their cause.

Working patterns and intensity in emergency medicine and similar acute disciplines are genuinely unsustainable in many departments. This matter can no longer be ignored and should be at the forefront of any discussion.