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Dear Final Year Student

As Health Education England's Deputy Medical Director with overall responsibility for the UK Foundation programme I wanted to write to you regarding the oversubscription of the UK Foundation Programme.

The record numbers of applicants this year meant 791 applicants were placed on a reserve list and I know this will have been a very worrying time for all those impacted.

I am pleased to be able to confirm we have secured funding to create additional foundation places for 2022. Remaining applicants on the reserve list will be allocated a foundation school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April during the 2<sup>nd</sup> allocation process. These foundation schools will then allocate applicants to specific programmes in time to start work in August.

I know that the allocation process can be very stressful students during the important final year of studies, but it is excellent news for patients is that we will have record numbers of FY1s ready to join the NHS.

We will be using the experience and learning gained to see what changes can be made for future years to support students.

I hope this letter will provide some reassurance regarding entry to the UK Foundation Programme.

May I take this opportunity to wish you good luck in your last year of medical school and we look forward to you starting your foundation programme in the summer.

Yours sincerely



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