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Dear colleague,

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6 months into my role as GIN steering group chair please see a brief summary of our actions to date.

Following the stakeholder event earlier this year, the JAG steering group have looked at the key points raised and where to take GIN forward, and our next steps to improving the way JAG supports the Endoscopy workforce.

We met (in May 2017) with the team who produced the All Wales Endoscopy Nurse Competency Framework (AWENcf) and have agreed to work in partnership to develop their existing framework to be adopted by JAG throughout the UK. This will include the development of a new ePortfolio.

The competences will be reviewed and checked for current relevance at a new group meeting planned for 4 July 2017. Some of the delegates from the stakeholder expressed an interest in being a member of this new group to assess endoscopy workforce competences, and different ways of gathering evidence to support individual learning. DOPS forms are the most used tool to evidence learning and this new group will also review all DOPS forms and amend if required.

An agreed action from the stakeholder event was to release an endoscopy workforce competency framework in a step by step approach. The first stage of will be to launch a 'basic level entry' framework and an ePortfolio on line. Second and third phases will include intermediate and advance level competences, with an emphasis on technical skills.

Quality assurance is essential to ensure where JAG deliver training it is equitable and consistent. Once competences for our new 'basic level entry' framework are finalised, a training programme will be developed and a pilot site selected to test our new product.

The stakeholder group advised the programme could benefit from rebranding and a possible name change. It was agreed any new product should be in alignment with JETS and JAG should create similar tools to those which are central to endoscopist training. We have therefore decided to use the existing JAG training system name, JETS, and to have two portals known as 'JETS – endoscopist' and 'JETS – workforce'.

The development of a new website for 'JETS – workforce' will be commenced following our sign off the agreed updated competences and other materials.

We aim to keep everyone informed of our progress via the JAG website.

Many thanks,

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Chair – Steering Group

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