Reviewer’s report

Title: Health Education England, Local Education and Training Boards (LETBs) and reform of healthcare education: implications for surgical training

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To the authors:

I read with interest the article entitled Health Education England, Local Education and Training Boards (LETBs) and reform of healthcare education: implications for surgical training. The narrative of the changes presently being undertaken in the NHS to align education with government prescribed outcomes of training are clearly explained. A clear description is given of the make up of the LETB and the present members of the boards in the UK. The author raise interesting issues regarding the input of medical specialties into this process especially focusing on surgery. Through personal reading of government publications the authors are accurate in what they state in the paper.

I feel the paper however is not suitable for publication in BioMed Central Surgery which is a clinical and not policy based journal. The journal does not generally consider narrative review articles and therefore I have advised against publication. Further this is very much a UK based article which would not be of interest to the journals wider readership.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests other than being a UK trainee