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Encourage school students to consider careers in Primary Healthcare with **I'm a Medic, Get me out of here!**

I'm a Medic is an online outreach activity where Primary Healthcare professionals chat with curious school students at imamedic.uk and answer their questions about your experiences and careers in healthcare.

See what happened in November: gpn17.imamedic.uk

The General Practice Zone will be running 5th - 16th March 2018.

Who is it for?

We are looking for **Healthcare Professionals in these roles to apply:**

General Practitioners

Trainee GPs

Medical students looking to become GPs

Nurses

Healthcare assistants

Practice Managers/Administrators

Pharmacists

Nurse Practitioners

You can take part by yourself, or as a team to share the time commitment - this could be a team of colleagues at your practice, or group of medical students training to be GPs.

Just select this option on the application form at imamedic.uk/candidates

How do you take part?

Being part of *I'm a Medic* is an exciting and accessible way to connect with young people about working in primary healthcare.

It's all online so you can be involved right from your desk.

You put up a profile on the site about yourself or your team, answer students' questions about your work, background, career, the universe and beyond and engage directly with students in live text-based chats.

"I got a bit of a buzz out of trying to answer as many questions as possible as fast as possible!"

"It made me think about why I chose to become a doctor and why I'm still doing it - it was a kind of self-appraisal."

GP, June 2017

Why are we running I'm a Medic?

In 2015 just 60% of trainee GP vacancies were filled in the East Midlands, and roughly half of UK schools and colleges have no applicants to medicine at all. We are working to address these concerns.

What's next?

Take a look at the FAQ's and apply at imamedic.uk/candidates by **Monday 29th January**.


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Frequently Asked Questions

We've been running *I'm a...* events for over 10 years. Here are answers to some of the questions you might be thinking about right now:

How does it work?

There's no need to prepare activities or take a day off. Just log in to the site to answer online questions from students and engage directly with classes in live text-based chats alongside fellow professionals.

Live chats last 30 minutes; they are text-based, fast paced and fun. We limit the chats to a maximum of 3 a day, but usually there will be fewer. Participants are welcome at every live chat, we don't expect you to make them all. We try and make sure there's a good mix of professionals for students, including a GP.

How much time does it need?

Most participants say they spend around 2 hours a day on the event; 1 hour on live chats and another hour answering students' questions, which can be during the evening, outside of the work day. If you are taking part as a team, you can share the live chats and questions to suit your schedules.

If you are unsure about the time commitment involved get in touch with michaela@mangorol.la for more information or to discuss taking part with colleagues.

Who will the students be?

The students taking part will be in Years 9 - 12 from the East Midlands. Teachers sign up their students to take part. Some may already be very interested in medicine and primary healthcare, some may not. The teachers will have selected students they believe will benefit from taking part.

Do I get anything for taking part?

You will receive a certificate for taking part. One Healthcare Professional in every zone also wins £500 to be spent on a project (either their own, or with their practice) which engages young people with studying medicine. The winner is decided by a student vote. imamedic.uk/candidates can help you with project ideas if you're selected to take part.

I want to know more, who should I contact?

Michaela Butler is the project manager for *I'm a Medic*. You can reach her via michaela@mangorol.la or 01225 326 892.

On imamedic.uk you will find more detailed information about the event and how to sign up. We're also on twitter - [@imamedic_uk](https://twitter.com/imamedic_uk)



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