

## Project Title

### **Using a digital identity to enhance the medical student registration process**

#### **Project Context**

As part of the registration process of newly qualified doctors, the General Medical Council (GMC) carries out physical ID checks throughout the year at UK medical schools. The current scale of this task is to manually ID check 7500 students in person across 34 medical schools (of which – some are foreign nationals). This is a lengthy process that can create dissatisfaction from medical students and has a cost impact on the GMC as extra people are required plus travel/ accommodation costs.

#### **Project Hypothesis**

- Medical students would be comfortable to use GOV.UK Verify to replace physical ID checks as part of the GMC registration process.
- The use of GOV.UK Verify to replace physical ID checks would result in a smoother, easier and more secure registration journey for the medical students.

#### **Project Objectives**

- Establish the feasible cost reductions for all parties that could be achieved from introduction of GOV.UK Verify.
- Identify the likely change in perception of the GMC from introduction of GOV.UK Verify.
- Identify the technical architecture through which GOV.UK Verify would be adopted and the estimated cost of change.
- Identify how GOV.UK Verify would improve the relationship the GMC has with the students.
- Consider how the use of digital identity could be used in other areas: European Economic Area & International Medical Graduates registration (doctors inside and outside the EU), Fitness to Practice and Complaints.
- Establish whether students see benefit in using GOV.UK Verify compared to the current identity verification approach.