

## Communique

### RESEARCH STUDY

#### SUPERVISING GP REGISTRARS – WHO DOES AND DOESN'T PARTICIPATE AND WHY?

General Practice Training Tasmania (GPTT) in partnership with General Practice Supervisors Australia (GPSA) and Monash University undertook a project to answer the question: who does and doesn't supervise GP registrars and why they make the choice that they do.

Twenty-five general practitioners (GPs) were invited to participate in the study that was designed to better understand the reasons why GPs choose or choose not to supervise GP registrars in rural areas of Tasmania.

The study was the first systematic analysis of GPs participating in registrar supervision and explored the reasons that underpin their decision to participate.

The project will help GPTT and other stakeholders to understand Tasmania's current and future GP supervisor workforce training support needs, locally and nationally, to ensure there are enough GP supervisors to meet training demand within the AGPT program into the future.

We thank the GPs that took part in the interview process. The overwhelmingly positive response from Tasmanian GPs meant that the project was able to recruit the number of GP participants required for interviews in order for the study to achieve its objectives.

Interviews for this project were conducted with Tasmanian GPs in districts of workforce shortage, located outside of Hobart and Launceston who were working in practices that: are currently supervising GP registrars; that are not currently supervising registrars; and practices that have never supervised GP registrars.

This project is now complete and the report can be downloaded here.

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