### Reducing mental ill-health: Groups, belonging and relationality

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Positive and	Doctors feel sense of	Increased capacity to
meaningful workplace	belonging towards	work under pressure
relations	colleagues and profession	
Doctors work in	They feel supported and	Normalise vulnerability,
functional groups	more at ease with	less stigma towards
	vulnerability	mental ill-health
Doctors have less	They may feel they can	Less likely
connectedness and	only find fulfilment	improvements in
meaning at work	outside work	doctors work issues
Doctors (and medical	They do not feel safe to	Dysfunctional groups,
students) with delicate	share their problems, and	intensification of mental
issues	lack group identification	ill-health
Safe and protected	Doctors (and medical	More connectedness at
space and time for	students) bond with	work
doctors (and medical	colleagues	
students) to		
congregate in work		
environment		







# Processes leading to mental ill-health in doctors

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1	Lack of basic support structures to enable doctors to do their job	Doctors feel they must <b>make up</b> for the deficiencies for patients and colleagues	Normalisation of overwork and its negative consequences			
2	Overwork and its negative consequences normalised	Overworked or sick doctors may feel they are <b>letting down</b> their colleagues and patients	Presentism, mental ill-health, workforce retention issues			
3	Lack of autonomy and meaning at work	Dissatisfaction	Doctors more vulnerable to work pressure and mental ill-health			
4	Culture where mental ill-health and vulnerability deemed unprofessional	Doctors (and medical students) feel <b>shame/fear</b> of not living up their professional identity	Hide vulnerability and difficulties			
5	There is support for doctors (and doctors aware of confidentiality issues)	Doctors <b>fear</b> that seeking support may jeopardise their career	Do not seek support and hide vulnerability			
6	Physical and emotional isolation at work	Doctors <b>feel unsupported, and</b> <b>lack of trust</b> in environment and colleagues	More vulnerable to work pressures and mental ill-health			



# Implementation methods: General principles to guide change

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16	Intervention not endorsed by organisation and leadership	Doctors' lack of trust in intervention and frustration if they cannot access it due to work constraints	Doctors less likely to engage with intervention			
17	Those who deliver /manage interventions lack training to deal with sick doctors' needs	Doctors' lack of trust in intervention	Doctors less likely to engage with intervention, or for it to work			
	Doctors (and medical students) involved in the development and implementation of interventions	More <b>trust and ownership</b> of intervention	Intervention more likely to be used and effective			
19	Outcomes of interventions and wellbeing of workforce regularly reviewed, commitment to act on outcome of these reviews shown (16)	Doctors feeling supported	Doctors engage with efforts to tailor intervention, more awareness about vulnerability and wellbeing at work			



## Reducing mental ill-health: Prevention and timeliness

12	Feedback/supervision recognise and promote learning from both positive and negative performance	Doctors feeling treated fairly, and valuing colleagues and organisation	More connectedness, support and engagement at work
	Work environment actively demonstrates importance of balance between health and wellbeing with fighting stress and mental ill-health	Doctors (and medical students) encouraged to self-care and less afraid to acknowledge vulnerability	De-stigmatisation of mental ill-health and vulnerability
14	Both positive and negative aspects of medical career recognised	Doctors (and medical students) feel less inadequate and helpless when they or their colleagues experience stress or mental ill-health	Increased capacity to work under pressure, more acceptance of vulnerability
15	Timely support when doctors (and medical students) are particularly vulnerable	Doctors' (and medical students') only rescue/hope	Reduce the intensity of mental ill-health and its related outcomes, including suicide

