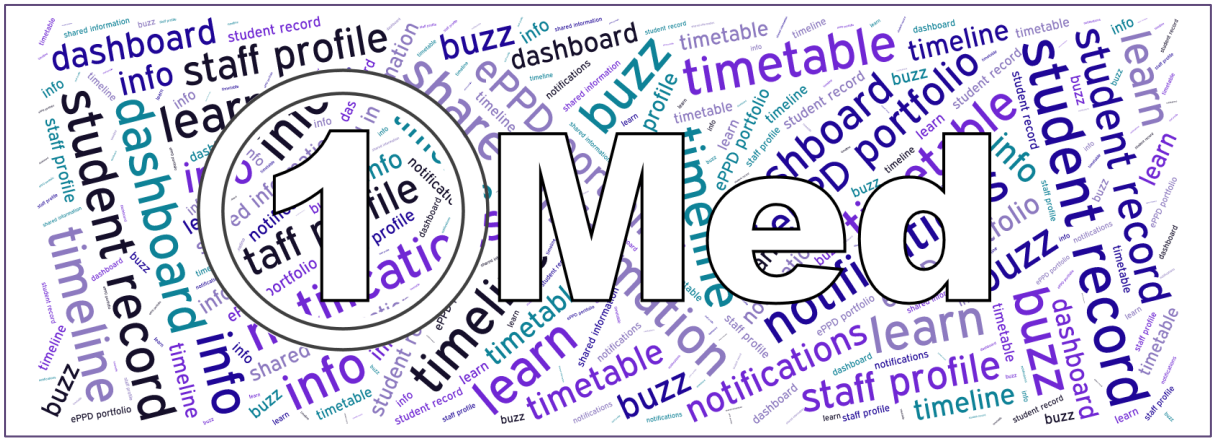
1Med: developing the next generation of programme management software



1Med is a bespoke software application being developed by Manchester Medical School to meet the evolving demands of delivering the MBChB programme to a large, dispersed cohort of students. It serves Students, Educators, Managers and Administrators across all locations in which the programme is delivered. 1Med builds on the knowledge and experience gained from Medlea and adds innovative new features to support the student journey.

The numerous services 1Med will deliver are being introduced incrementally in order to manage the size and scope of the project. In September 2014 the first service was launched as Year 1 students began using the new ePPD Portfolio. Students and their tutors have given very positive feedback about their experience of using this second generation tool. In September 2015 the 1Med ePPD Portfolio was introduced to Year 3 who are now able to take advantage of their iPad apps to capture evidence from learning experiences and send items directly to their portfolios for further reflection.

September 2015 also saw the launch of other new 1Med services, starting with the 1Med Student Record. This service will enable staff to move from a paper-based to an online-based repository of student documents and offers more flexible reports that can be created and shared between users. Students will be able to update their own contact information in the University system through the 1Med student record, ensuring that their data is kept current and accurate.

In September 2016, 1Med will launch a new notifications service that will provide an enhanced internal messaging service to individual users and groups. Other services will follow during the forthcoming year. For example, the Assessment Team have used 1Med's enhanced database capabilities to create a new area of the student record that will enable students to view all of their assessment outcomes on one screen. The Assessment Team are currently collaborating with the 1Med team to create a new OSCE Question Bank within 1Med that will deliver clear version control, online moderation and managed authorship.