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Highlights:

- Targeting Sixth Form students is an inappropriate solution to the imminent recruitment crisis given the eight-year delay before benefits would be seen.
- There is limited utility to delivering a national course for a non-significant increase in people who are “interested” in surgery.
- Active targeting of female students and implementation of longer term surgeon-led practical exposure in medical schools are more appropriate means of combating declining interest in surgery.

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