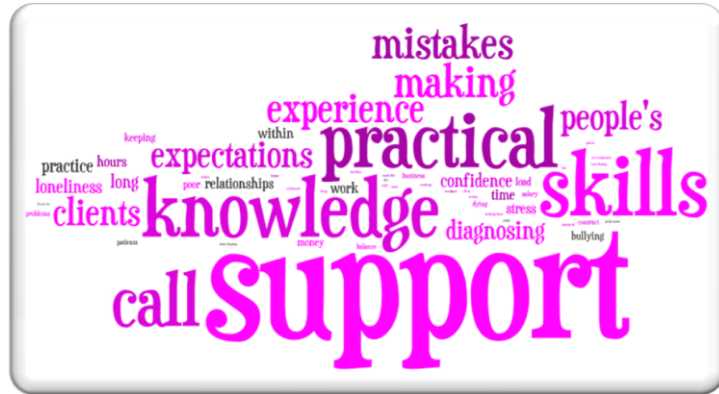


## September Update

Thank you all very much for your support for the project and all of those of you who sent out the survey link or even completed it yourself! We have had a very good response with 133 people starting the survey and most completing it.

Most concerns were the same regardless of when a vet graduated, however there were a few differences; for example fewer recent graduates were worried about getting lost than those who qualified before 2002... a change brought about by SatNavs perhaps?

Analysis of the survey data is now complete, and this week evaluation of the relevance of the resources we've collected will begin. Those who volunteered will be contacted to see if they could give a quick 'once over' opinion on the relevance of a few selected resources via a wordpress site. If you're interested in seeing the signpost summaries yourself then go to <http://www.vetgraduateor.wordpress.com>. Feel free to give your own feedback.



Focus groups are in the process of being set up with the help of the Veterinary Defence Society at their graduate reunions to fully evaluate the final chosen resources and how they are going to be presented.

On that note we are busy designing a website which will sit within the RCVS Charitable Trust's website and will be maintained and updated by them as needed. The aim is to put as many open educational resources as we can on the website, with links to those which are not feasible to transfer. In addition we are considering including relevant website or webpage links for each concern or need to direct veterinary graduates to other areas of the internet for information. This will be especially useful where we do not have a relevant resource.

Proportion of recent graduates listing a concern	
Concern	Proportion
Support	61%
Practical skills	29%
Knowledge	26%
On call	26%
Making mistakes	18%
Experience	15%
People's expectations	14%
Clients	14%
Diagnosing	10%

But it's not just for new graduates! We've had comments from people who would like to use the resources even if they're not a recent graduate. The good news is that these resources are, by definition, free to be used and re-used by anyone. There will be no login to the new site and no membership or 'new graduate' status required so if you're interested remember to visit!

And finally, look out for an article about the project in the *Veterinary Record*. We were asked to write a short piece by them covering the aims of the project and the types of resources we're looking for. It's now submitted and should be appearing shortly.