training recommendations provided an excellent framework for the audit standard, and the discipline of audit appeared effective in identifying and correcting deficiencies in training. As

similar objectives are available for other grades and specialties, the approach deserves wider consideration.

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HECTOR BERLIOZ, 11 December 1803

Hector Berlioz (1803–1869) was born in la Côte-Saint-Andre near Grenoble, son of a successful country doctor. Hector studied medicine in Paris, torn between it and opera and concert-going. Music won because the University was closed for a critical few months during 1822–3 when he was in his final year as a medical student and he moved to music studies at the Conservatoire. He enjoyed international fame during his lifetime as a great French romantic composer. He died in January 1869. – *DG James*