Revalidation Guidance for Doctors in Training Undertaking OOP(C)

Whilst you are undertaking your period of Out of Programme (Career Break) you will need to consider the evidence that you are collecting to support your revalidation due date.

This guidance assumes that your experience has not been approved by the GMC and that it will not count towards your Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT).

As a doctor in training your revalidation due date is linked to your expected CCT and the length of your training programme. Whilst your revalidation date may be changed to reflect your CCT if it is extended you will still need to be able to demonstrate your continued fitness to practise over any revalidation period.

The Postgraduate Dean as Responsible Officer (RO) for doctors in training in Wessex has decided that in order to satisfy the evidence requirements of making a recommendation about you, you will need to do the following, on at least an annual basis:

- Engage with the Return to Training (RTT) Scheme prior to, during, and upon your return to training.
- Keep an accurate record of any medically related work you undertake whilst you are not working in your Wessex training programme, including any assessments or appraisals.
- Keep an accurate record of any educational events that you are involved with for example studying or sitting exams, or attending training days.
- Your ARCP/RITA date will be set in advance and you should expect to be required to submit evidence and attend as requested by your Training Programme Director in Wessex.

Return to Training Scheme

Wessex Deanery has developed a Return to Training Scheme based upon the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges guidance on returning to medical practice after a period of absence. You will need to ensure that you are following this process which includes meeting with your training programme director prior to leaving the programme.

Whilst your time off may or may not involve clinical practise it is important to remember that this scheme is designed to support you in returning to your training programme and “day to day” work in a structured way.

Further information on the scheme can be found on the Wessex Deanery website: http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/policies__procedures/return_to_training_scheme.aspx