Revalidation Guidance for Doctors in Training Undertaking OOP(T)

Whilst you are undertaking your period of Out of Programme (Training) you will need to consider the evidence that you are collecting to support your revalidation due date, as any evidence you are required to gather to support your training progression.

This guidance assumes that you have had your training prospectively approved by the GMC and some or all of it will count towards your specialty training programme.

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, who will remain your RO during your OOP(T), in Wessex has decided that in order to satisfy the evidence requirements for revalidation you will need to do the following, on at least an annual basis:

- To engage with and complete the requirements of the training you are undertaking, including any work place based assessments.
- Engage and provide documentary evidence of involvement with, the appraisal or review process in your host organisation. Including completion of online portfolios and assessment requirements as specified by your specialty.
- Retain evidence of your ongoing satisfaction of the GMC domains across your entire scope of practise including locum and out of hours work.
- If you are working overseas you must still have an educational supervisors report completed to reflect your time training in that organisation, you may also be required to continue with online portfolios and WPBAs as appropriate.
- Retain all paperwork from the appraisal and review process at your host organisation for submission to a Wessex ARCP panel.
- 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.

The ARCP and RITA outcomes for trainees undertaking OOP(T) have not changed. You should routinely be awarded an 8 or F respectively, however the panel will need the evidence above to make a judgement about your readiness for revalidation. However as some or all of the time that you have spend out of programme will be counted towards your training you may well receive two ARCP/RITA outcomes for any period spent OOP(T).

You will need to ensure that all documentation and paperwork during this period is completed and countersigned in full, as appropriate, as it may well be difficult to do this retrospectively once you have returned to the region.
The main thing to remember whilst you are out of programme is that you will need to provide cumulative evidence to support your revalidation and all aspects of your practice as a doctor must be accounted for.

**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 OOP work may involve continuation of some or all of your standard clinical duties 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. The scheme will allow you to discuss with your TPD, for example, whether you would feel confident returning to a Trust on nights as a middle grade doctor.

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](http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/policies__procedures/return_to_training_scheme.aspx)

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1 The GMC domains must be satisfied over each revalidation cycle, not necessarily in each year; domains 3 and 6 should be addressed directly wherever appropriate. These must be demonstrated across your entire scope of practice.