As part of the Responsible Officer regulations the postgraduate Dean, Dr Simon Plint, is obliged to request information about you in support of revalidation.

This information will be triangulated along with your Form R and educational supervisor’s report(s) at your ARCP.

Dr Plint will request, from your employing organisation, a collective exit report which will ask about all doctors in training in that organisation. It will ask only one question about your practise over a 6 month period: 

“[has this doctor been] Involved in conduct, capability or Formal Serious Untoward Incidents/ Significant Event Investigation or named in complaints (Please state YES or NO)”

If the answer is “NO” then no further information will be required.

If the answer is “YES” then a further exception exit report will need to be provided by the organisation. This report simply asks for further details about the issue in question and maps them against the revalidation domains. Your Trust will provide you with a copy of the report and may ask for your input.

If your Trust does provide an exception report about you this does not preclude the ARCP panel from having no concerns about your fitness to practise.
Reflective Practice

As part of revalidation you are required to engage in reflective practice both about your training and to revalidation domains.

Wessex Deanery advises that the best way to demonstrate your understanding of the implications of any incidents that may bring into question your clinical governance or fitness to practise is to record a reflection in your portfolio.

Doctors of all levels are involved in difficult and challenging situations and revalidation does not make the assumption that everyone is perfect.

There are various resources available to help you frame your reflection and the Wessex Revalidation Team have created a reflection model which may help.

http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/support/support/trainee_revalidation/reflective_practice.aspx

Your educational supervisor should be able to advise you if you need practical support in your reflection.

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The process for assessing your curricular achievements will remain unchanged however there will be additional processes for assessing your satisfaction of the GMC domains that are not covered by your training programme:

Domain 3. **Significant Events**
Domain 6. **Review of Complaints and Compliments**

Information from yourself, your Trust, and your educational supervisor will be triangulated by the chair of the ARCP panel to ensure that you have acted upon any concerns which may have been raised in the reporting period. Your ARCP outcome paperwork will then form the majority of your cumulative evidence in support of revalidation.

Revalidation Timeline

- **03/12/12**: Go Live date for regulations and deadline for notification of due dates to doctors
- **29/03/13**: Deadline for revalidation of Responsible Officers
- **01/04/13**: GMC begins revalidating doctors
- **30/12/12 — 31/03/2013**: The period your employer will be asked to report on you for.

Enhanced ARCP

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Many doctors in training undertake work outside of training. Revalidation does not effect your ability to undertake additional work but what you must ensure is that you’re designated body is correctly recorded by the GMC and that you collect evidence to support your entire scope of practise.

There are a few key things to remember when considering your designated body:
If you hold a national training number (NTN) or deanery registration number (DRN) you have a prescribed connection to the postgraduate deanery that issued it.
If you are working in a trust post, or working out of hours as a GP ONLY your designated body will be your employer.
- If you are working locum shifts as a trust doctor or out of hours as a GP whilst retaining a NTN or DRN your designated body will remain the postgraduate deanery.
- If you spend time working abroad and you do not have a NTN or DRN you will become "unconnected" and not have a designated body. This will not pose any practical problems but you will need to ensure that you are collecting sufficient evidence to support revalidation, including responding to any concerns.
- If you leave training to take up alternative clinical work and are unsure of who your designated body should be you can refer to the GMC online tool for prescribed connections.

http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/revalidation/designated_body_tool_landing_page.asp

The Wessex Deanery has recently completed work on a local return to training scheme which is designed to support doctors who have spent time out of clinical practise.

This scheme will be effective from 1st January 2013 and has been circulated to all Directors of Medical Education (DMEs), Heads of School (HoS), Training Programme Directors (TPDs), and Medical Personnel departments.

Queries should be directed to your TPD in the first instance, otherwise your specialty management team should be able to help.

The policy is available on the Wessex website under “Policies and Procedures”.

Deanery Website: http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/trainee_revalidation.aspx
GMC Website: http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/12383.asp
RST Website: http://www.revalidationsupport.nhs.uk/index.php
Department of Health statement on Revalidation: http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/10/revalidation-starts/
Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Information: http://www.aomrc.org.uk/revalidation.html

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