Since the beginning of 2013 the programme management teams in Wessex have been requesting supporting revalidation evidence to be submitted alongside ARCP and RITA documentation.

The first handful of these reviews have now taken place, and reports from the teams are that on the whole our doctors in training are submitting the correct, full documentation.

There have been a few recurring queries and these have been, or will be, incorporated in the FAQs section of the revalidation pages on our website.

It is essential that doctors in training engage early with the requirements of revalidation evidence in order to avoid racing against the clock as the deadline approaches. Unsigned, or paperwork without the appropriate counter signatures, will not be accepted.

The deadline for submission of these documents will be the same as the deadline for your ARCP or RITA documents.

The enhanced Form R, completed prior to each ARCP or RITA, forms the backbone of the revalidation evidence review. It covers all of the evidence domains which are not intrinsic to each specialty training programme, and is essential for the panel to make a judgement on whether they have any concerns about a doctor. It is not possible to complete an enhanced ARCP without a completed enhanced Form R from the doctor in training.

Those readers who’ve recently been preparing for, or supporting someone to prepare for their ARCP or RITA will be aware that the revalidation team have published guidance documents aimed at doctors in training in a variety of situations with regards to revalidation.

These documents have been reviewed and updated for the beginning of year 1 and we are happy to say most of the amendments are only superficial and therefore the vast majority of our advice to date remains unchanged.

Updated documents include:

- Guidance for Doctors in Training
- Guidance for Educational and Clinical Supervisors
- Guidance for Programme Managers and Administrators
- Guidance for Heads of School and TPDs
- All OOP guidance documents

All documents are available from the Wessex website.
Changes to CCT and Submission Dates

The certificate of completion of training (CCT) signifies the end of the prescribed training programme in any particular specialty. It is very likely, that at some point during training, any given CCT date will need to be re-calculated.

There are a number of factors that can trigger a re-calculation including maternity leave, OOP(R), and sick leave. The below gives further information on how this effects revalidation:

What to do if your CCT date changes

A CCT date is anticipatory until such a time that the RITA G or ARCP 6 signed off.

The date is calculated using a variety factors but usually including length of time in programme, any time spent out of programme that has not counted towards training, and attainment of competences.

The revalidation submission date is calculated at any one time using the anticipated CCT date + 60 days. The 60 days is administration time and it is not expected there you will need to be any further assessment after the final educational sign off.

If a CCT date changes it could impact the revalidation due date but only if one of the following statements is true:

- The CCT date has been extended by 12 months or more.
- The CCT date has been brought forward by 12 months or more.
- The CCT date and hence your revalidation due date have been calculated incorrectly.

If a revalidation submission has been calculated as being halfway through a specialty training programme, i.e. at ST4 level in Emergency Medicine the date may well be correct and it will need to be discussed with the revalidation team if there are any queries.

Further information from the GMC can be found on their website: http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/revalidation/12383.asp

Contacts and Web Links

You can contact the revalidation team via email on revalidation@wessex.hee.nhs.uk or telephone 01962 718413

Your queries will be dealt with as soon as possible, but complex queries can take some time to resolve. Please do consult the links below to see if your query can be answered via the website. Your Programme Management Team or Training Programme Director may also be able to help.

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/