Trainee Revalidation

Is it going to happen?

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Since the last issue of the newsletter both the Revalidation Support Team (RST) and the GMC have written to the Secretary of State to recommend that the revalidation legislation should be signed off. Revalidation is going to happen.

As of today, Friday 19 October 2012, the Secretary of State for Health, Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, has announced today that medical revalidation will commence from December 2012.

Yes: Revalidation for doctors in training will be linked to the current ARCP process. You will submit documentation as in previous years but there will be additional requirements to ensure that you are keeping sufficient records for your Revalidation Due Date. The Form R which you should be completing each year has been “enhanced” and will become a declaration of your practice, this will now be issued prior to your ARCP as it will now form part of your evidence.

No: Revalidation has been absorbed into the ARCP “process” but it is not the same thing. Revalidation is designed to review each doctor’s fitness to practice, not whether they are fulfilling their training curriculum. It is possible to receive an unsatisfactory ARCP outcome but not raise any concerns for revalidation and vice versa.

ARCP and Revalidation are intertwined but not interdependent

Revalidation—Is it just ARCP?

GMC Connections and Revalidation Due Dates

All designated bodies in the UK have been working with the GMC and the doctors with whom they have a “prescribed connection” to ensure that the initial record of “designated bodies” is correct.

The Wessex Revalidation Team have been validating the information that we hold on all of our doctors in training. This has included your training programme and expected CCT date, the information has been forwarded to the GMC.

In due course the GMC will allocate a revalidation due date based upon the information provided and your response to the trainee survey if you completed it. The majority of doctors in training will be allocated a revalidation due date which is equivalent to or within 4 months of their CCT date.

You will initially be allocated a due date via your GMC Online account after which you will receive a letter from the GMC by the end of March 2013.

All doctors will receive a revalidation due date regardless of whether they are currently out of programme, including maternity leave, provided that they have current registration and licence to practice with the GMC.

Key Facts

All Doctors must revalidate — subject to commencement of the relevant legislation all doctors who are registered with the GMC from 3 December 2012 are required to engage with revalidation.

Dentists will also be included — whilst the GMC is pressing forward with revalidation from the outset of the legislation the General Dental Council (GDC) will be implementing a similar process for Dentists.

Patients will be asked for feedback — Whilst this is currently the plan, the GMC and BMA have agreed that where a training curriculum does not currently require patient feedback, it will not become mandatory immediately.
Drop in sessions for Doctors in Training are being held on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 23 October**, Dorset Health Care, St Anne’s Hospital, **11:00—12:00**
- **Tuesday 6 November**, Isle of Wight, St Mary’s Hospital, **13:30—14:30**
- **Friday 16 November**, Southern Health, Tom Rudd Unit, Moorgreen Hospital, **15:30—17:30**
- **Friday 23 November**, Queen Alexandra Hospital, **14:00—15:30**
- **Friday 7 December**, Education Centre, Salisbury District Hospital, **12:00—14:00**
- **Wednesday 5 December**, Southampton General Hospital, exact location TBC, **11:00—13:00**

Please contact your Education Centre Manager for further details of exact locations.

**Revalidation Timeline**

- **05/10/12**: Submission of Prescribed Connections to the GMC
- **03/12/12**: Expected 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

**Web Links**
- **GMC Website**: [http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/12383.asp](http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/12383.asp)
- **Department of Health statement on Revalidation**: [http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/10/revalidation-starts/](http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/10/revalidation-starts/)
- **Deanery Website**: [http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/trainee_revalidation.aspx](http://www.wessexdeanery.nhs.uk/trainee_revalidation.aspx)

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