

RCGP Guide to the Revalidation of General Practitioners v6 September 2011

This updated guide is simpler than the previous guidance and is in line with the advice from the GMC. Core supporting information is now as follows:

Generic heading	Supporting information	Number needed
General information	Personal details Scope of practice including extended roles (clinical and non clinical) Contextual details Participation in annual appraisal , PDP with review of PDP Statements of probity and health	Every year
Keeping up to date	Learning credits with information about how this supports scope of practice	50 every year
Review of practice	Significant Events Audits including any serious incidents Clinical audit (complete cycle) or quality improvement project	2 each year 1 in 5 years
Feedback	Colleague survey Patient survey Review of all complaints Compliments	1 in 5 years 1 in 5 years Every year Every year

Colleague feedback

Colleague and patient feedback are required in the first 3 years of the 5 year cycle. It might be worth waiting for the definitive start of revalidation before doing these, unless you are very keen to start earlier.

These are now recommended:

GMC MSF tool, on GMC website

CFEP2

Sheffield Peer review Assessment Tool Version 2 (GP-SPRAT)

Patient feedback

Recommended:

GMC patient survey

Improving Practice Questionnaire (IPQ)

Doctors Inter-personal Skills Questionnaire (DISC)

Complaints and compliments

Only complaints that have been through the practice or PCT complaints procedure need to be submitted, unless you feel you have learned from other

feedback and would like to share this. All complaints however need to be added to the revalidation portfolio, so that over the 5 year cycle any trends can be spotted and acted on.

Learning credits

50 per year, learning needs to be documented. Impact credits are described further in the RCGP document, but in summary credits are doubled if measurable change in practice has resulted from implementation of what has been learned.

http://www.rcgp.org.uk/PDF/Credit-Based%20System%20for%20CPD_2nd%20version_110110.pdf

GPs in special groups

The RCGP guide has helpful information about GPs in non-standard work (eg peripatetic locum GPs).

Timescale for submission of appraisal portfolio to appraisers

We would like Oxfordshire GPs to become used to submitting all supporting information to their appraisers electronically and 2 weeks before the appraiser meeting. This is the pattern that will be needed for revalidation and if we are used to doing it now we all be able to glide into the process of revalidation effortlessly.

The PCT are arranging meeting for all GPs in Oxfordshire over the next few months so that all this can be explained in more detail.

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