

Minutes of the meeting
Confidence in Care Revalidation Delivery Board
Thursday 28th June 2012, 2-4pm, C3.18 Castle Buildings

Present

Joyce Cairns (Chair)
Dr Paddy Woods
Jane Lindsay
Mervyn Barkley
Dr Kathryn Booth
Alan Walker
Dr Christine McMaster
Dr Cathy Jack
Dr David Stewart
Dr Keith Gardiner
Ruth Hutchison

Apologies

Joe Brogan
Dr Paul Darragh
Elaine Tait
Dr Tony Stevens (Dr Jack attending)
Dr Clare Loughrey
Dr Michael Mannion
Dr Stephen Austin

1. Welcome and apologies

Joyce Cairns welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of 10th May 2012 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Dr Woods referred to the matters arising from the last meeting.

- Whether legislative consent from the Assembly was required to enable revalidation to commence in Northern Ireland in line with the activation of the legislation by DH - We have been advised that this is not necessary.
- Meetings with Responsible Officers have commenced.

4. Update from GMC

Alan Walker provided an overview of developments at the GMC. The implementation plan is proceeding well without issue. Early readiness indications are that readiness measures are on the whole satisfactorily in place. The 'Making Connections' campaign has identified approximately 55k doctors for whom there is no clear relationship to a designated body/RO. These doctors will be written to in order to clarify their position. Alan expressed thanks to Trusts, the Deanery and HSCB for providing information to populate the GMC data records system. A MoU will be established with organisations to facilitate the updating of information on a regular basis (frequency yet to be decided).

An email will be sent to RO's in the next few days with associated Guidance asking them to begin scheduling their doctors for revalidation. The Deanery RO will be contacted at a later stage.

Lists of doctors in each organisation will be crossed referenced and RO's will then begin the allocation of their doctors for revalidation to quarters (for year one) and years (years 2&3). The GMC will allocate actual revalidation dates.

A helpline will be available and the GMC's RO Guidance and Protocol documents are undergoing review by the 4 health administrations and will be published in July.

5. Readiness-

Dr Woods affirmed that local readiness review has indicated that healthcare systems are ready to start. Meetings with each RO are underway to discuss particular issues or concerns. PCF remains a cause of some anxiety, however once numbers are divided over a 5yr period and per ¼ of each year, this should be manageable.

Jane Lindsay referred to the next meeting of the UKRPB on 20th September when a confirmation of readiness is expected to be made. Jane will circulate the regional readiness statement for N Ireland to Delivery Board members for approval within the next 2 weeks.

6. Patient Colleague Feedback

Jane advised that most HSC Trusts have confirmed they will be utilising the HSC Leadership Centre's systems for provision of PCF. The HSCB is still considering its preferred option. Not all Specialties include patient feedback for trainees although this will be integrated into revised curriculums.

Jane has met with Maeve Hully with a view to securing the support of the PCC for future engagement. Following the statement of readiness by the Secretary of State for Health (England) in September, the Confidence in Care Team will liaise with the PCC to draft a narrative on revalidation for inclusion on their web-site and in their Membership Scheme Newsletter. Opportunities will also be sought for Alan Walker (GMC) to attend some patient events in the autumn.

7. Implementation Planning

The DHSSPS implementation plan has been approved by the Confidence in Care Programme Board at its last meeting (13th June). Jane referred also to the meeting of the 4 UKRPB Chairs which took place in Castle Buildings on 27th June which affirmed that, although there are some differences in approach across administrations, all are working within agreed overriding principles.

Jane provided a broad outline of the steps towards implementation over the next 6 months. Responsible Officers and medical leaders (which may include appraisers in some Trusts) will revalidate before the end of March 2013 (year 0), all other doctors will revalidate over a 3yr period ideally submitting 20% of all recommendations for Year 1 and 40% annually for Years 2 and 3. Some larger organisations may need flexibility to roll-over into Year 4 but it is estimated this should not be more than 5% of their total number of recommendations. .

The process must be robust and equitable for all doctors and integrity will be further assured by the random selection of revalidation years for doctors as this will incorporate practitioners with diversity of practice and employment situations.

By means of a draw, Mervyn Barkley (HR, BHSCT) assisted in the selection of the numbers representing the penultimate digits of GMC registration numbers which will determine the years in which doctors with these numbers will revalidate.

These are:

Year 1 - doctors whose registration number has a penultimate digit of **4 and 8**

Year 2 - doctors whose registration number has a penultimate digit of **1, 2, 5 and 6**

Year 3 - doctors whose registration number has a penultimate digit of **0, 3, 7 and 9**

8. **AOB** - None

9. Date of next meeting: 27th September 2-4pm