

Performers List Advice Notice Information Sheet 6 Medical Performers List Refresher route

NHS England has agreed with Health Education that with effect from 1 February 2020, GPs who are already included on the England Medical Performers List will be eligible to apply for the Medical Performers List Refresher route if they meet the following criteria:

1. The GP must already be included on the England Medical Performers List without any conditions (NHS England or GMC) and without any known unresolved performance issues. If the GP is known to have solely health related conditions, this would not preclude them from registering for the scheme.
2. The GP must not have performed NHS primary medical services under a GMS, PMS, APMS contract in the preceding twenty-four months or more and this must be evidenced within the GP appraisal documentation.
3. The GP and the Medical Director (or member of staff acting on behalf of the Medical Director) must have discussed and agreed that access to the I&R tools would support the safe return of the GP to primary medical care.

GPs that meet these criteria and who have been approved to access the scheme will be provided with access to the following support under the MPL Refresher Route:

1. Free access to online refresher training materials and support tools
2. Up to four fully funded attempts at the MCQ and Simulated Surgery assessments
3. Fully funded supervision at a designated HEE training practice for up to six months
4. A monthly bursary of up to £3500 per month for the duration of their supervised placement

To access the MPL Refresher Route, the GP's Medical Director (or delegated officer) should first contact NHS England's GP Recruitment Programme and Policy Manager at NHS England via england.gpreturner@nhs.net and provide the following information about the GP:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Email address
4. GMC registration number
5. Confirmation that the GP meets the criteria set
6. Date that the GP last practised
7. A summary of why the GP has not practised for twenty-four months or more
8. Confirmation that the GP has provided approval for the information above to be shared with Health Education England

The GP's Medical Director will be responsible for managing the processes associated with doctors who engage in the MPL Refresher Route. The Medical Director will receive confirmation of the doctor's progress under the scheme through to successful sign off from the scheme. The Medical Director will need to take account of the Framework for Managing Performer Concerns and the associated governance arrangements to ensure that in the event that a GP fails to pass the MCQ or simulated surgery, or any other adverse event occurs during the placement that appropriate action is taken in accordance with the Performer List Regulations.

More information can be found in the attached document MPL Refresher Route document dated 15 January 2020 which is enclosed.

These information sheets are written on an ad hoc basis and cover issues of relevance to medical directors and their teams responsible for the management of the NHS England Performers List. Issued by Manda Copage, Head of Primary Care National Performers Lists - 24 January 2020.

