

To: All GP practices in Surrey and Sussex LMCs

20th March 2020

Dear Colleagues

Professional Standards Activities: Appraisal and Revalidation

I am writing to colleagues to highlight arrangements being made by NHS England and the GMC to reduce the professional responsibilities associated with NHS GP appraisal and consequent arrangements for revalidation.

I enclose a letter from Professor Powis, National Medical Director, NHSE&I

Professor Powis has advised that all NHS appraisals are suspended from 19th March (that is, yesterday) unless there are exceptional circumstances agreed between the appraiser and GP involved. Until appraisals are reinstated, ROs will classify such affected appraisals as 'approved missed' appraisals, but to clarify, these are classified as cancelled, not postponed, appraisals

In conjunction with this, the GMC has issued guidance that all doctors who were due to revalidate before 30th September 2020 will have their revalidation date deferred for one year. The appropriateness of this September date will be reviewed depending on the progress of circumstances. The GMC may defer to a later date. The GMC should change its system so that GPs will not in the interim receive letter/emails about impending revalidation dates.

The MPTS has cancelled all current Fitness to Practice Tribunals and will be undertaking Interim Order Tribunals and Review Tribunals remotely.

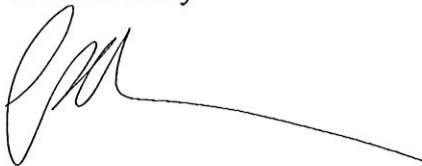
There are a very small number of GPs who are currently undergoing NHS England (or NHS England and GMC) Performance processes and if your LMC is unaware of these, it may be helpful to liaise with the LMC to ensure the current situation is managed proportionately.

Clearly if high risk professional concerns arise, these will still be managed: I would remind all GP colleagues that during this period of unprecedented professional and personal challenge, they should take time to look after themselves and each other.

Colleagues may also hear directly from local NHS England Performance Teams.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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