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A regular communication on revalidation from the GMC

This week we launched a new campaign to work with responsible officers to agree the dates that licensed doctors will revalidate in the first, second and third years of revalidation - up to the end of March 2016.

This is an important campaign in our preparations for the introduction of revalidation later this year. We will use the schedules that are developed by responsible officers to agree the precise dates by which they will make their recommendations about individual doctors. Ideally, we want to be in a position to confirm these dates to all doctors from December onwards.

We have started to contact responsible officers about this campaign by email, and every responsible officer should have heard from us by Friday 6 July. The exceptions to this are responsible officers for postgraduate deaneries and the locum agencies that are part of the Government Procurement Service Framework. We will contact these responsible officers in a later phase.

What we need responsible officers to do

By Friday 14 September, we need responsible officers to submit a schedule for the doctors they will make recommendations about. They will do this using [GMC Connect](#) - a secure part of our website.

Between now and 14 September, we need responsible officers to:

- register for an account with GMC Connect and authorise access for any additional users
- using GMC Connect, check the list of doctors that we believe have a prescribed connection with their

Useful links

- [GMC website - revalidation section](#)
- [Good Medical Practice Framework for appraisal and revalidation](#)
- [Supporting information for appraisal and revalidation](#)
- [Guidance on the development, administration and implementation of questionnaires](#)

designated body - **we need responsible officers to do this by Friday 20 July**

- develop and submit their schedules for making recommendations about doctors - **we need responsible officers to do this by Friday 14 September.**

In developing their schedules, responsible officers will need to take account of the implementation plan developed by their country (or region, if they are a responsible officer in England) and the [requirements we have recently published](#) that doctors must meet in order to have a recommendation made about them in the first cycle.

Resources and help

We have developed a [guide for responsible officers](#), plus [a checklist](#), which explains everything we need them to do by when. Links to these documents are included in the email that responsible officers will receive over the next few days. The documents can also be downloaded from [our website](#).

We also have a dedicated team who are ready to provide responsible officers with help and support. They can be contacted on 0161 923 6277 or by emailing revalidation@gmc-uk.org.

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Programme update

- We held a session on revalidation at last week's NHS Confederation annual conference in Manchester. The event, which was chaired by Sir Keith Pearson, included presentations by Niall Dickson, our Chief Executive, Professor David Haslam of the Care Quality Commission, and Ann Lloyd of The Patients Association on the impact that revalidation will have on the quality of care and the patient experience. You can [listen to some of our speakers' presentations](#) or [read a report](#) about the event by NHS Employers.
- Niall Dickson and the Chair of our Council, Professor Sir Peter Rubin, hosted a breakfast meeting at the BMA's Annual Representative Meeting (ARM) in Bournemouth this week about the work of the GMC and our plans for revalidation.
- We published a collection of case studies with the NHS Revalidation Support Team in England to highlight the progress that different types of organisations are making with their plans for revalidation. Visit the new [case study area of our website](#) or download our publication '[Preparing for revalidation: case studies for healthcare leaders](#)' (PDF).

- We met with two members of the House of Commons' Health Select Committee - Rosie Cooper MP and Virendra Sharma MP.
- We attended a training event for responsible officers in the East Midlands.
- We spoke at a meeting of the BMA in Liverpool.
- We also took part in a revalidation event for hospices.

For more information on revalidation, visit www.gmc-uk.org/revalidation.