

## **Supporting the COVID-19 Response: Enabling Progression at ARCP – Update September 2020**

The Statutory Education Bodies (SEBs) of the 4 Nations previously recognised that there may be challenges for trainees and trainers in preparing and providing evidence for ARCP as well as for the SEBs in delivering ARCPs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In April 2020, the SEBs set out arrangements for the introduction of changes to the ARCP process (including use of decision aids, curriculum and Gold Guide derogations and arrangements for ARCP appeals). The changes were introduced to enable as many trainees as possible to progress to the next stage in their training or to complete training. These changes were intended to apply to ARCPs scheduled to take place up to and including August 2020.

It is acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact on training, and potentially some trainees might need COVID ARCP Outcomes for some time (e.g. shielding trainees and in specialties where curriculum requirements may not be met until later in training). For this reason, approval for curriculum derogations has been extended. However, they remain under review dependent upon the course and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SEBs propose to extend the arrangements for ARCPs, use of the COVID Outcomes 10.1 and 10.2 and ARCP appeals in a similar way. These derogations will now apply to ARCPs scheduled up to and including March 2021. There will be a further review of the situation in March 2021.