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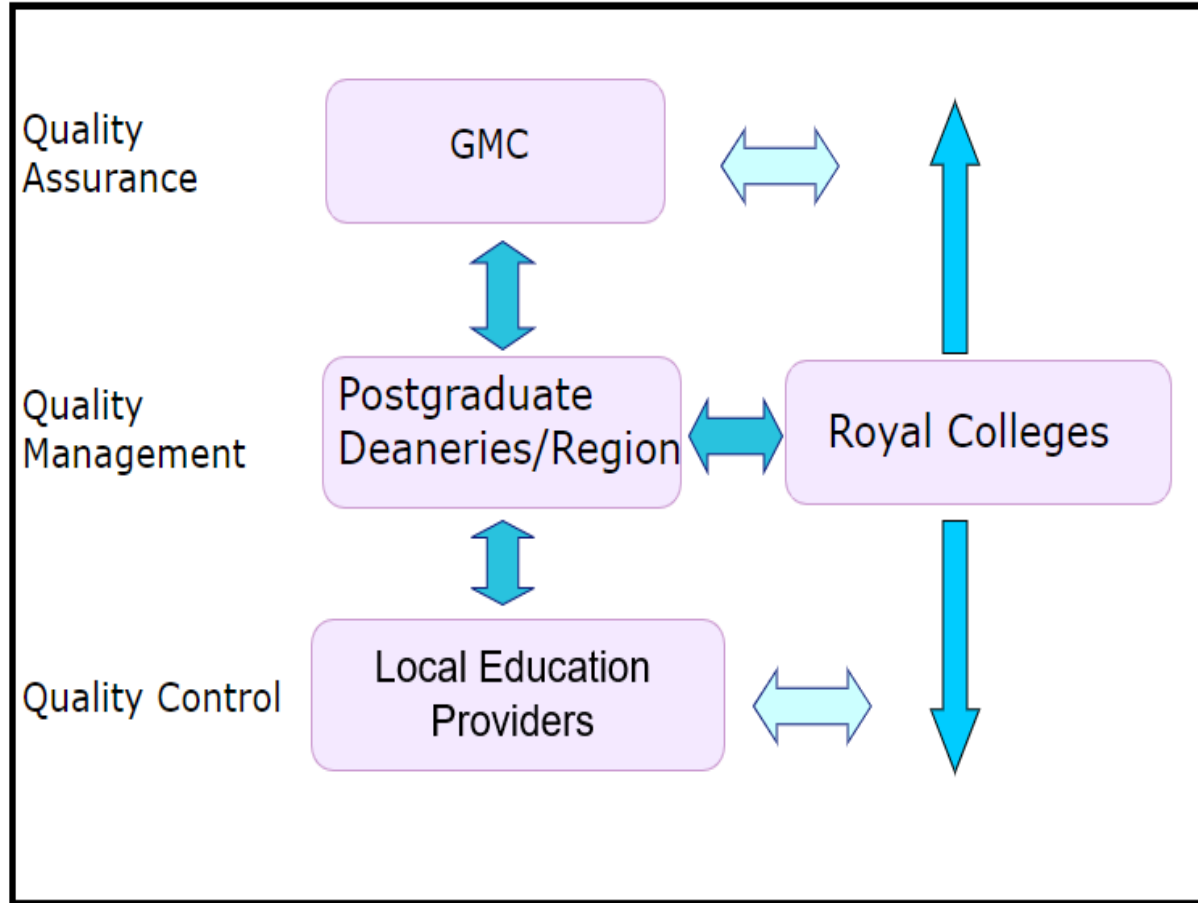


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# Induction

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# Deanery and College roles and responsibilities



**A Reference Guide for Postgraduate  
Foundation and Specialty Training  
in the UK**

**The Gold Guide  
8th edition**

incorporating the  
'Purple Guide'  
for foundation training  
version: 2019

Version: GG8 - 31 March 2020

# ARCP Derogations

- Throughout the pandemic, the Medical Royal Colleges have worked collaboratively to support trainees and trainers and mitigate against the impact of the disruption on trainees' progression.
- In September 2021, the GMC confirmed that the approved derogations would remain in place throughout the period of disruption caused by the pandemic.
- To support ARCP panels and to aid flexibility, we have developed joint transitional arrangements and ARCP derogation guidance.
- These transitional arrangements are for the Infection NTN holders in a GMC-approved UK training programme (leading to the award of the CCT or CESR(CP)) who are transferring to the relevant 2021 GMC-approved UK curriculum and assessment system.

# Transitional Arrangements

- These transitional arrangements apply to trainees who entered the relevant training programme prior to 1 August 2021 and are on previous versions of GMC-approved Infection curricula.
- The only exception to this applies to trainees whose provisional CCT date is on or before **31 August 2023**.
- As a guide the GMC consider two years from the curriculum implementation date to be a reasonable transition period for all trainees (including less than full time trainees) to have moved to new curricula.
- Trainees in their final year of training with a CCT date on or before 31 August 2023, or for whom it would not be in the interests of patient safety or impractical to support to move to a new curriculum, will normally remain on the curriculum in place prior to the new approval.

# General Principles

- Trainees transferring to the relevant 2021 GMC-approved UK curricula and assessment system will not be able to revert to their previous curriculum.
- Trainees transferring to the relevant 2021 GMC-approved curriculum should proceed to the relevant ST year, e.g. a trainee who has completed ST4 in their existing curriculum should proceed to ST5 in their new curriculum.
- To ensure the maintenance of the educational quality, standards, and integrity in the transition from the existing GMC approved curricula.
- To ensure fairness and equity for all trainees.
- To ensure that curriculum capabilities and mapping are undertaken by the LETBs/Deaneries.
- To minimise disruption as trainees' progress to CCT/CESR(CP).

# ePortfolio transition

- New programmes and curricula will be added to trainees' ePortfolio accounts for those who are transferring
- A gap analysis form is provided to record any gaps in training identified
- Trainees will not be required to re-link or transfer evidence to the new curriculum
- A form will be provided to record transition exemptions – ie trainees due to CCT after 31 August but supported to remain on the previous curricula by the postgraduate dean

# Recommended minimum data sets for each year of training

For the 2022 ARCPs, it is expected that the Educational Supervisors Structured Report (ESSR) will be a key part of the evidence. It may include an indicative assessment of the trainee, mindful of the impact of COVID-19.

The portfolio of evidence provided by the trainee for the period under review can include:

- any workplace-based assessments completed. The number of workplace-based assessments required for each year or stage of training is indicative. These can include any undertaken during redeployment which demonstrate evidence of generic or other relevant skills;
- any indicative cases undertaken;
- an MSF (although trainees who have not completed a required MSF but are otherwise satisfactory must undertake their MSF in the following year);
- suitable and appropriate alternative evidence (see 'Learning Experiences' listed in the curriculum for guidance);
- any College exams completed prior to COVID-19



# Preparation prior to the ARCP

- Trainees will first need to meet with their educational supervisor to discuss the transfer in preparation for their ARCP.
- The trainee with their educational supervisor must review all their training and highlight any training gaps. The educational supervisor will recommend where they will progress on the 2021 curriculum.
- From the point at which trainees transfer into the relevant 2021 GMC-approved curriculum and assessment system, they will have to complete all the subsequent curriculum and assessment requirements within the relevant GMC-approved programme. Trainees will not have to go back and complete previous training requirements.

# Preparation prior to the ARCP

- Trainees will still have to achieve all curriculum requirements in the indicative training period for the award of the CCT.
- If a trainee's provisional CCT date is around 31 August 2023, the College will allow some flexibility as to whether the trainee is required to transfer.
- It is recognised that there will be some trainees with exceptional circumstances and therefore it is recommended that you contact the College in order that we can discuss and agree on an appropriate way forward. This may include the need to contact the General Medical Council for further advice.

# Transitional Decision Guides

Curricular component	Comment	Recommended ARCP outcome	Recommended action
COVID-19 has caused disruption to training including redeployment	Limitation of exposure to samples, clinics and experience, MDT, courses, QIPs and research opportunities.	ARCP 10.1 ARCP 10.2 (for trainees in their final year of training only)	Move to relevant point in appropriate 2021 curriculum/curricula.
FRCPATH Part 1/CICE examination not passed	Completion necessary for progress. Balance between satisfactory progress and pressurising by extra requirements in next year of training.	ARCP10.2 (if due to COVID-19) <b>or</b> ARCP 3 (if not due to COVID-19)	Move to relevant point in appropriate 2021 curriculum/curricula.
FRCPATH Part 2 examination not passed	Completion necessary for progress. Balance between satisfactory progress and pressurising by extra requirements in next year of training.	ARCP10.2 (if due to COVID-19) <b>or</b> ARCP 3 (if not due to COVID-19)	Remain on current curriculum if CCT date on or before 31 August 2023 or move to relevant point in appropriate 2021 curriculum/curricula.  or  Move to relevant point in 2021 medical microbiology/ medical virology/infectious diseases curriculum/curricula if CCT date after 31 August 2023.

# Transitional Decision Guides

Curricular component	Comment	Recommended ARCP outcome	Recommended action
No disruption to training	Trainee on course to complete requirements for year of training, including acquisition of relevant examination.	ARCP 1 or 2	Remain on current curriculum if CCT date on or before 31 August 2023 or move to relevant point in appropriate 2021 curriculum/curricula.  or  Move to relevant point in 2021 medical microbiology/ medical virology/infectious diseases curriculum/curricula if CCT date after 31 August 2023.
No disruption to training	Concerns raised about trainee (including probity and patient safety as well as general progress)	ARCP 2, 3 ARCP 4 (with a preceding outcome 3)	Remain on current curriculum if CCT date on or before 31 August 2023 or move to relevant point in appropriate 2021 curriculum/curricula.  or  Move to relevant point in 2021 medical microbiology/ medical virology/infectious diseases curriculum/curricula if CCT date after 31 August 2023.
Completion of training	Trainee on course to complete training, including acquisition of relevant examination(s).	ARCP 6	CCT date will be on or before 31 August 2023. Complete training on current curriculum. Do not transition to new curriculum.

# Internal medicine stage 2 (IMS2) – requirements for dual training

# Curricular requirements (IMS2)

- Active involvement in 750 patients presenting with acute medical problems by end of IMS2
- 100 patients in final year
- 3 months of AUT or 4 weeks intensive placement in acute medical unit (AMU) during the final year

# Curricular requirements (IMS2)

- 12 months of continuing care of those admitted with acute medical problems
- 20 clinics in specialty other than parent one
- Educational supervisor for internal medicine

# JRCPTB guidance

- All timings/durations are “indicative”
- Infection trainees will not be required to undertake AUT during the 12 months of laboratory based MM/MV CIT
- Trainees will have regular AUT commitment during higher infection training (HIT)



# Educational supervisor

- Must have an ES for specialty and an ES for IM
- Could be same individual - ideally practises in both specialty and IM
- If a single individual who does NOT practise IM then they MUST “obtain and consider detailed feedback” from CSs who are familiar with trainee’s IM practice

# Who to contact

ARCP date, arrangements and decisions – **your Local Deanery**

Training queries e.g., CCT dates for medical microbiology and medical virology trainees

RCPATH Training Department

Email: [training@rcpath.org](mailto:training@rcpath.org)

Training queries e.g., CCT dates for:

Dual trainees in Medical Microbiology or Medical Virology/infectious Diseases

Infectious Diseases or Tropical Medicine only

Dual Infectious Diseases or Tropical Medicine

Dual trainees in Infectious Diseases or Tropical Medicine and General Internal Medicine

JRCPTB Trainee Services

Email: [specialistregistration@jrcptb.org.uk](mailto:specialistregistration@jrcptb.org.uk)



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