

Derogation to GG8: 4.91 in response to COVID pandemic and impact on trainee progression assessments (ARCP)

Section 4: Progressing as a Specialty Trainee or Foundation Doctor

Amendment to: GG8: 4.91 to include ARCP Outcome 10 – COVID 19

Outcome 10 (COVID)

Achieving progress and the development of competences/capabilities at the expected rate but acquisition of some capabilities delayed by impact of COVID 19.

10.1 Progress is satisfactory but the acquisition of competencies/capabilities by the trainee has been delayed by COVID-19 disruption. The trainee is not at a critical progression point in their programme and can progress to the next stage of their training. Any additional training time will be reviewed at the next ARCP.

10.2 Progress is satisfactory but the acquisition of competences/capabilities by the trainee has been delayed by COVID-19 disruption. The trainee is at a critical progression point in their programme and additional training time is required.

Satisfactory progress is defined as achieving the competences/capabilities in the curriculum approved by the GMC at the rate required.

In foundation training, satisfactory progress is defined as achieving the foundation professional capabilities for F1, leading to award of the Foundation Year 1 Certificate of Completion (F1CC). In foundation training, if less than full time or out of synchronisation and progressing as expected, the trainee will be given the outcome 'Other'.

The rate of progress should be defined in the specialty curriculum (e.g. with respect to assessments, experiential opportunities, examinations etc).

Where acquisition of required capabilities has been delayed solely due to the impact of COVID 19 (e.g. due to cancellation or postponement of a required examination or reduced exposure to required training opportunities), trainees should be enabled to progress to the next stage of training except those who are at a critical progression point in their programme. An Action Plan, the portfolio and personal development plan (PDP) should capture and set out the required capabilities which will be expected at the next scheduled ARCP and the time point for this review defined.

The Outcome 10 acknowledges potential satisfactory progress but recognises additional training time may subsequently be required (which will be reviewed at the next ARCP).