

Interim RCP Dental Core Training 2021

Guidance to trainees and panel members

iRCP arrangements in 2021

All trainees have a review of their progress at the end of the first six months within programme, termed an Interim Review of Competency Progression (iRCP). This is a light touch panel review of the e-portfolio and is primarily to identify trainees requiring additional support in advance of a final RCP (FRCP) at the end of the training year.

Interim RCP Panels have a local composition and have previously consisted of 2 members, as per the Silver Guide (section 5.5). If there are issues with obtaining panel members during the COVID pandemic disruption the iRCP can proceed with one individual, either an Associate / Deputy Postgraduate Dental Dean or Training Programme Director.

The iRCP panel will meet *in absentia*. Trainees will not be required to attend the panel in person.

It is important that panel members are trained in equality and diversity issues, with familiarity of the RCP process.

What are the requirements for iRCP in February 2021?

The requirements for satisfactory iRCP outcomes are laid down in the DCT curriculum. These have been modified to reflect pandemic disruption and summarised in the following checklist:

Requirement	Y/N
An Educational/Learning Agreement	
Induction Checklist	
Clinical Supervisor report from external placements (if applicable): <i>Using the Clinical Supervisor Report section on Axia</i>	
An initial and an interim Educational Supervisors meeting Interim Structured Educational Supervisors Report – <i>using the Axia template</i>	
Progress Against agreed PDP SMART objectives: <i>Using the Axia PDP Section</i>	
A minimum of 12 Supervised Learning Event entries	
SLEs must be linked to the curriculum	
A Logbook of Clinical Activity <i>should be uploaded to achievements section</i>	
Involvement in Clinical Governance or Quality Improvement Project	
Attendance at Mandatory Study Days - <i>Summary to be uploaded to achievements section of the Axia e-portfolio</i>	
Log of CPD, as required to be a GDC registrant with reflections and development outcome domains akin to that required by GDC: <i>Using the Axia CPD log Section</i>	

Trainee preparation prior to the iRCP

- Trainees should steadily build their portfolios throughout the training year. Evidence presented in their portfolios should be reviewed by the educational supervisor at the beginning of each training phase, at a midpoint and finally no later than three weeks before the RCP panel convenes.
- It is trainees' responsibility to ensure that their evidence is available for the panel no later than two weeks before the RCP.
- The Axia portfolio must demonstrate the competency progression required by the DCT curriculum and include:
 - all relevant assessments
 - an up-to-date educational supervisor's report.
- If training has been impacted due to the current pandemic it is essential this is highlighted, with supporting evidence (eg; of redeployment) within the portfolio.

Role of the panel

The iRCP panel will:

- Review and consider the evidence provided by the trainee.
- Make a judgement about the trainee's suitability to progress or confirm that training has been satisfactorily completed.
- Confirm the RCP outcome:
 - **Outcome 1:** The RCP panel report should highlight areas of achievement.
 - **Outcome 2:** The RCP panel outcome report should clearly explain the reasons for the outcome.
 - **Outcome 5:** Trainees given an outcome 5 are required to address the missing evidence as soon as feasible unless this is directly attributable to Covid disruption.
 - **Outcome 10.1:** Progress satisfactory but the acquisition of competencies by the trainee has been delayed by Covid-19 disruption.
 - C3: Redeployment
 - C4: Prolonged self-isolation
 - C6: Incomplete evidence due to Covid-19
 - C12: Other issues related to Covid-19
- Inform the trainee of the outcome awarded.
- Ensure the e-portfolio is updated with the outcome awarded. The panel will only consider evidence presented within the Axia e-portfolio, which has been updated to reflect the Covid adjusted outcomes.

After the iRCP

- Trainees are encouraged to meet with their Educational Supervisor to discuss remediation of non-standard outcomes.
- There is no appeal process. Trainees are directed to the local Postgraduate Dental if they wish to discuss the process leading to the outcome.