Pharmaceutical Medicine Virtual Deanery

Policy statement on moving pharmaceutical medicine trainees to the August 2010 curriculum

1. Introduction

The GMC published an implementation plan\(^1\) for colleges and faculties to move their trainees who are following pre-2010 curricula to their specialties’ current curricula by 1 January 2016. On this date, the GMC will decommission all pre-2010 curricula and trainees will be required to follow their colleges’ or faculties’ current curricula.

In July 2013 the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine wrote to all pharmaceutical medicine trainees who are still following either the 2003 Higher Medical Training (HMT) curriculum or the 2007 Pharmaceutical Medicine Specialty Training (PMST 1) curriculum and informed them that they needed to complete their programme of training by 31 December 2015 otherwise they would be required to move to the August 2010 curriculum (PMST 2). In July 2014 the Faculty sent reminder letters to those trainees who had still not completed their training.

This document sets out the types of decisions an ARCP or RITA panel is likely to take in respect to the 27 trainees who are still following one of the pre-2010 curricula.

2. HMT trainees

The RITA panel will withdraw the trainee’s National Training Number (NTN) and remove them from the training programme if they have not passed the Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (DPM) examination or an alternative examination recognised for HMT and PMST.

3. PMST 1 trainees

3.1. Out of programme

Trainees who are currently out of programme will be moved to the PMST 2 curriculum once they have re-entered the training programme.

3.2 Trainees who only need to pass the DPM examination

The ARCP panel will withdraw the trainee’s NTN and remove them from the training programme if they do not pass the DPM examination or an alternative examination recognised for HMT and PMST.

3.3. Trainees with outstanding modules and DPM examination to pass

Trainees will be moved to the PMST 2 curriculum if they have not completed all their outstanding modules and passed the DPM examination or an alternative examination recognised for HMT and PMST by 31 December 2015. Trainees might be required to upgrade evidence for modules that were completed 5 years ago.

3.4. Trainees who only need to complete modules

Trainees will be moved to the PMST 2 curriculum if they have not completed all their outstanding modules by 31 December 2015. Trainees might be required to upgrade evidence for modules that were completed 5 years ago.

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