RCGP WPBA Core Group Statement to Deaneries

The RCGP WPBA Core group understands that over recent months Deanery ARCP panels have been asking for additional criteria to be met before awarding satisfactory outcomes (1 or 6) to trainees. These additional criteria have usually arisen from a desire to ensure that development of all competences and requirements for practice after training have been met. Examples include specifying the number of log entries required, and a required number of significant events per annum or a full audit cycle.

The GP Curriculum and MRCGP exam (including WPBA) has been approved by the GMC as the appropriate curriculum and assessment system for GP Specialty Training. Changes to either must be agreed by the College and approved by the GMC. While it is appropriate for Deaneries to look for evidence to support specific workplace based competence areas, it is not permissible to require additional criteria or assessments to be completed over and above those measured in the Trainee ePortfolio. Educational Supervisors and ARCP Panels must not deviate from the assessment package agreed between the RCGP and GMC and can only award an unsatisfactory ARCP outcome if there is plain evidence of inadequate performance in the ePortfolio assessments or development of competence.

The RCGP WPBA Core group is always happy to hear from trainees, trainers and others about ways in which the system can be improved.