

Performers List Advice Notice Information Sheet 7

GP Registrars (GPRs) – August 2020 intake – exemption from inclusion in the NHS England Performers List

Since August 2016, GP Registrars (GPRs) have been included in the NHS England Medical Performers List ('the List') based on a declaration of suitability from the Head of Schools within Health Education England (HEE). This arrangement was intended to be interim whilst the amendment to the England Performers Lists Regulations removing the requirement for GPRs to be included on the List was enacted, or until Primary Care Support England (PCSE) on line went live whichever was the earliest.

Although PCSE on line went live in November 2019, PCSE requested time to recruit staff to effectively manage the GPR cohorts from August 2020. The England Performers Lists Regulations amendment to remove the requirement for GPRs to be included in the List has yet to be laid before Parliament, however DHSC, HEE and NHSEI are working together to secure the amendment to the Regulations before the February 2021 intake.

Whilst this work progresses, NHSEI, DHSC, HEE and the GMC have reviewed The National Health Service (Performers Lists) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (Coronavirus Regulations) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/411/regulation/2/made>) and agree that this legislation exempts GPRs from the requirement to be included in the List when performing primary medical services whilst it remains in place. This exemption arises from the basis that all GPRs are employed by a Lead Employer that is a Designated Body and that their Responsible Officer is the HEE Dean.

Should the Coronavirus Regulations be repealed before the amendment to the England Performers Lists Regulations has been enacted, GPRs will need to be included in the List and further instruction will be provided.

Whilst this exemption applies to any GPR already included in the List, all GPRs already included in the List must remain as such until further notice.

Action:

NHSEI and HEE will issue joint communication to advise relevant organisations of this agreement.

These information sheets are written on an ad hoc basis and cover issues of relevance to medical directors and their teams responsible for the management of the NHS England Performers List. Issued by Manda Copage, Head of Professional Standards and Primary Care National Performers Lists 18 June 2020.

