

Help for Sessional GPs - Appraisal and Revalidation - from BGPERT

Sessional GPs (SGPs) do not have to be a member of Bath General Practice Educational Research Trust (BGPERT) to attend the SGP Meetings, or to access our website (www.bathgped.org) and its useful links. However, membership (£150 per annum) entitles you to attend all of BGPERT's other meetings too. We have over fifty evening educational meetings arranged throughout the year in various parts of the BCAP area and an annual average of eighteen half and full day meetings every year, based on your learning needs from appraisal.

We can help make preparing for appraisal less of a burden, following the new GMC domains:

1. Knowledge, skills and performance

- We run a regular and varied program of daytime and evening accredited educational meetings. These can help you gain learning credits towards revalidation (attending meetings can earn GPs up to 20 of the required 50 credits per year)
- We also provide reflective practice forms (to help show what you have learned, how you have learned it and how it is relevant to your practice)
- We will provide you with a certificate for your appraisal recording all our accredited events that you have attended
- We run CPR updates, (the last was in November 2009), Communication Skill and Child Protection Updates
- We can put you in touch with others locally who wish to be part of Self Directed Learning Groups

2. Safety and quality

- We run Significant Event Audit (SEA) Meetings every two months, these are facilitated by a BANES Appraiser and provide an accredited opportunity to discuss and reflect upon your own and others SEAs. You may find using a structured reflective template helpful; (www.appraisals.nhs.uk/generic/members/appraisee/questionnaire/srt/SignificantEvents.doc)
- It can also provide an opportunity to confidentially discuss and reflect upon any personal complaints or interesting clinical cases that you may have been involved in, with peers
- Dates for future SEA meetings February 1, 2010; April 26, 2010; July 6 2010

3. Communication, partnership and teamwork

- For revalidation purposes, GPs are required to complete 2 personal patient feedbacks over 5 years, or 1 patient feedback and 1 communication skills session
- In response to popular demand, we have managed to find a patient survey suitable for SGPs, based on the well used GPAQ, (General Practice Assessment Questionnaire) but simplified and streamlined. A copy is attached to the SGP page of our website
- We regularly run communication skills workshops and have another on April 21, 2010

4. Maintaining Trust

- There is always time, at all meetings to discuss any professional issues you may have with colleagues or patients and issues of probity.

If we can do any more to help you, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself at a meeting or via email (anyaleaver@doctors.org.uk) or any member of the BGPert Team via the website (www.bathgped.org) or office at the RUH Postgraduate Department.

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