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Dear Mike

### **Continuation of temporary derogation from the Foundation Programme curriculum for satisfactory progression at ARCP**

Thank you for your email of 2 December advising that the temporary derogations from the Foundation curriculum previously approved on 29 July for those trainees 'out-of-sync' with the August – July 2020 ARCP cycle will now continue to be applied for all F1 and F2 trainees until at least September 2021.

Under our statutory responsibilities, the GMC is required to approve any derogations from curriculum requirements enabling satisfactory progression at key stages to training. We have recently updated our [published policy](#) outlining the principles we have applied in considering requests.

The Statutory Education Bodies retain responsibility for awarding ARCP outcomes in accordance with the Gold Guide and [guidance they have published](#) on recording ARCP outcomes.

### **GMC Decision: Approved**

We recognise that the impact of the pandemic on training programmes will continue to be felt for a significant period and welcome the continued evaluation of trainees' opportunities to gather required evidence at this time and the ongoing efforts to support their progression at ARCP.

In accordance with our policy, this approval will continue to apply during the period of major disruption to training and the GMC would only look to remove this following engagement with the statutory education bodies and wider system.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [quality@gmc-uk.org](mailto:quality@gmc-uk.org) should you wish to discuss future updates to the approved derogation, or any other aspect of this approval.

Yours sincerely



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