Letter re updates to the RCGP tool for revalidation and appraisal

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Dear Colleagues,

As the start of revalidation appears on the horizon, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on a series of exciting new developments to be released to our Revalidation ePortfolio over the coming months.

Based upon positive feedback and steadily growing uptake, we are confident that the [RCGP Revalidation ePortfolio](http://email.rcgp.org.uk/rp/440/testclick.clsp?t=2DB52F393BFEADE2CF63387430C1B178E) is becoming the appraisal and revalidation tool of choice for individuals and organisations.

You’ll hopefully be aware that the system is now fully integrated with the RCGP’s [Online Learning Environment](http://email.rcgp.org.uk/rp/440/testclick.clsp?t=2C66BC5752266B6F4F134B09B13082693) (OLE), which includes the RCGP [Essential Knowledge Updates](http://www.elearning.rcgp.org.uk/course/category.php?id=2), [Essential Knowledge Challenges](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/professional_development/rcgp_e-learning/essential_knowledge_challenge.aspx) and the [Personal Education Planning](http://elearning.rcgp.org.uk/course/category.php?id=17) (PEP) learning needs assessment tool - all excellent tools developed to support GPs with CPD and revalidation. These tools are **free** for College members and available at a reasonable price to non members.

If you’d like a demonstration of the RCGP Revalidation ePortfolio, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Released in September 2012 (NOW AVAILABLE):**

* + RCGP *Revalidation ePortfolio Lead Appraiser*. The primary purpose of this functionality will be to help organisations quality assure their appraisal process.

* + RCGP *Trainee ePortfolio to Revalidation ePortfolio integration*. Trainee information can be accessed and imported into the Revalidation ePortfolio, creating a true life-long log of learning

* + Upon log in we will introduce an *Appraisal Year Warning*. This advises the appraisee of the appraisal year they are currently working in, and is designed to ensure appraisees do not complete an appraisal in the wrong year.

* + RCGP *Single Sign On.* Log on only once to access all of the RCGP products that you are eligible to access.

* + Introduction of the *Medical Appraisal Guidance* (MAG) appraisee and appraiser declaration statements

**Release in October 2012:**

* + The GMC *patient and colleague questionnaires* will be integrated in the RCGP’s Revalidation ePortfolio, enabling GPs to self-assess and benchmark against their peers.

* + The new *revalidation ready* ‘Form 3’ equivalent.  Any existing data will be mapped over.

**Revalidation Ready Release, November 2012:**

* + *Responsible Officer* functionality. The RCGP Revalidation ePortfolio will offer ROs everything they need to make a revalidation recommendation, including (subject to GMC readiness) a link to the GMC database.

* + *Dashboard*. This will be reorganised to reflect the new GMC supporting information headings.

* + *Form 4* will be replaced with its *revalidation ready* equivalent and any existing data will be mapped over.  The new ‘Form 4’ will include an option for appraisers to add PDP items resulting from the appraisal discussion.

* + *Appraisal summary document*. This will be reformatted for ease of use, by GPs and organisations. The PDP section will be significantly enhanced.

Best wishes,  David

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