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ARCP Chair Training 2013 (Ref Gold Guide 2010)

December 2013







This session will:

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- Provide direction and clarity to Chairs to ensure delivery of the Gold Guide.
- Interact with Colleagues to deal with some real life scenarios that may be faced during ARCPs.
- Understand how the Revalidation process fits into the ARCP process.
- Understand the time scale and process for appeals.

A Reference Guide for Postgraduate Specialty
Training in the UK

Applicable to all trainees taking up appointments in specialty training which commenced on or after 1 August 2007.

The Gold Guide Fourth Edition
June 2010



Objectives

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By the end of the day you will

- Understand the role, responsibility and authority of the Chair and understand what support is available to you.
- Understand the role and responsibility of other Panel Members.
- Understand how ARCPs inform the Revalidation process.
- Understand the Appeals process.



What are your thoughts?



What is the purpose of an ARCP?

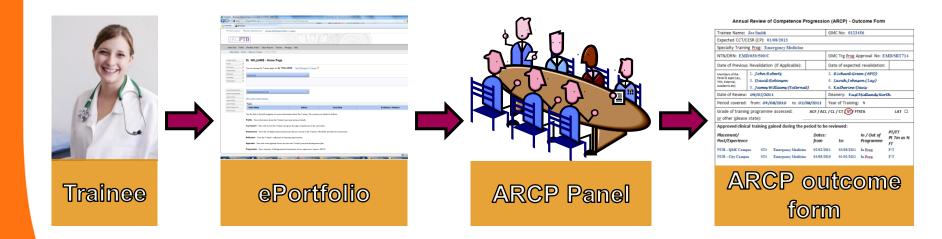
What is the purpose of an ARCP panel?

What is the role of a Chair?



Overview of the ARCP process

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An ARCP Panel has 3 objectives



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(according to the Gold Guide 2010)

- To consider and approve the adequacy of the evidence and documentation provided by the Trainee.
- 2. Make a judgement about the Trainee's suitability to progress to the next stage of training.
- 3. Identify and highlight whether there are concerns regarding the Trainee's fitness to practise.



Panel Members

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All Panel Members must have had Equality and Diversity training within last 3 years

APD

APDs attend anticipated non-standard outcomes

Trainees **MUST NOT** attend the decision making – only feedback



Panel Members (continued)

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Challenge fairness and consistency of decisions

NOT Chairs

NOT required to attend feedback sessions with trainees



Process quality assurance

REP

Same specialty

Outside the specialty training programme or school

Senior member of the profession

Lay Reps & External Reps attend for 10% of ARCPS

4-6 months prior to the ARCP

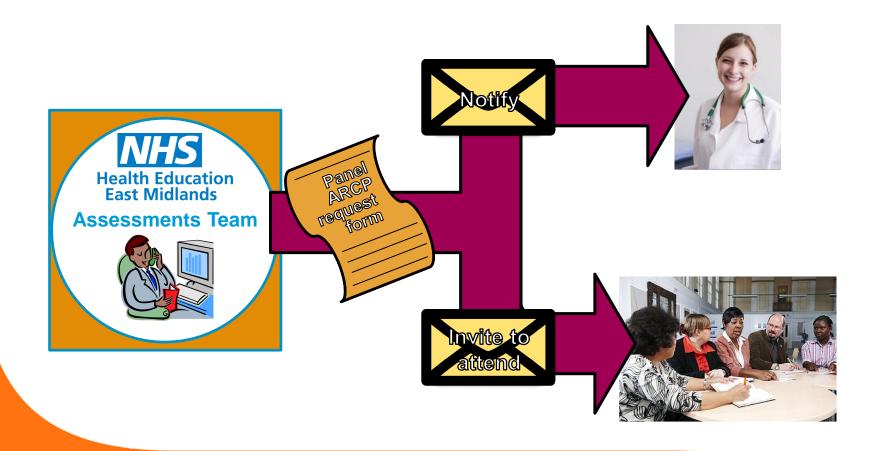




3-4 months prior to the ARCP Panel



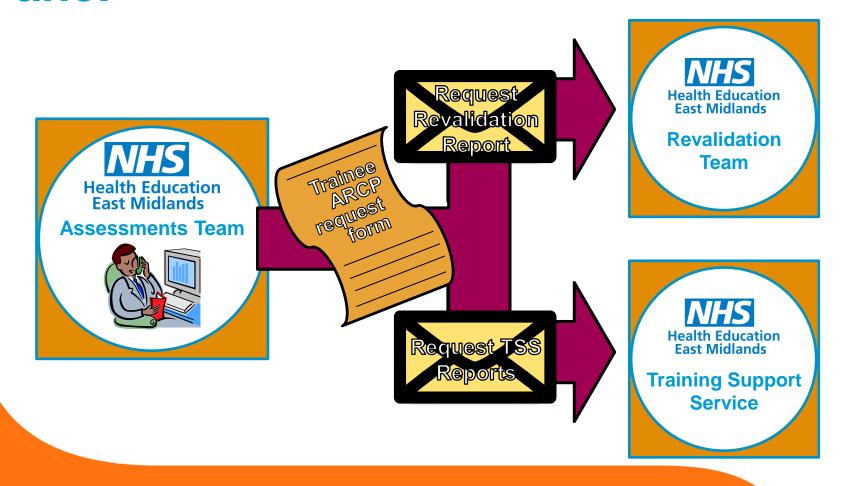
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2-3 months prior to the ARCP Panel

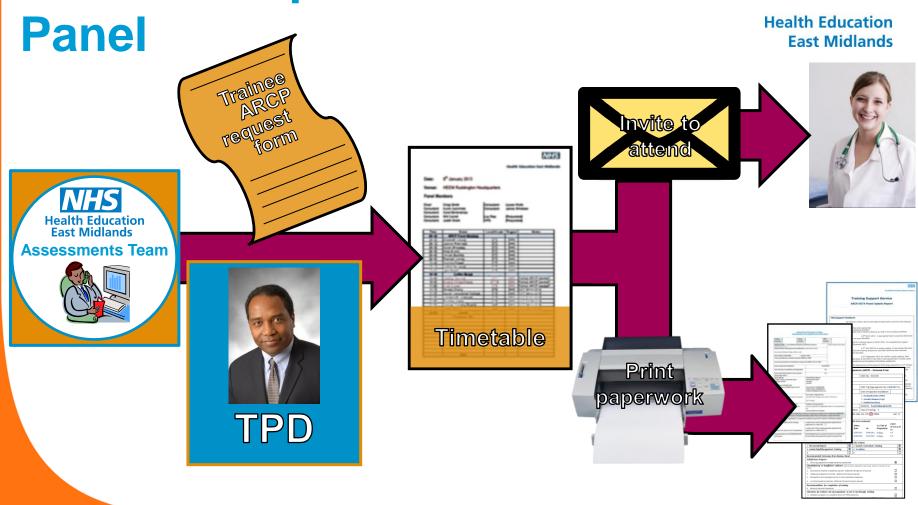


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1-2 months prior to the ARCP







On the day of the ARCP

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- The Chair must explicitly define from the outset of the panel meeting that they are the Chair and will be acting as a representative of the Postgraduate Dean.
- Ensure that outcomes are based on evidence, and they can be justified if challenged.
- APDs are only needed for potential non-standard outcomes (2, 3, 4, 7.2 etc.)

It is the Chairs responsibility to:

- Confirm the period of training covered to ensure consecutive dates.
- Ensure all ARCP/RITA paperwork is complete (with appropriate notes) and signed.
- Ensure any supplementary paperwork is complete and signed.
- Ensure that any concerns regarding Trainees' Revalidation are noted on the form.

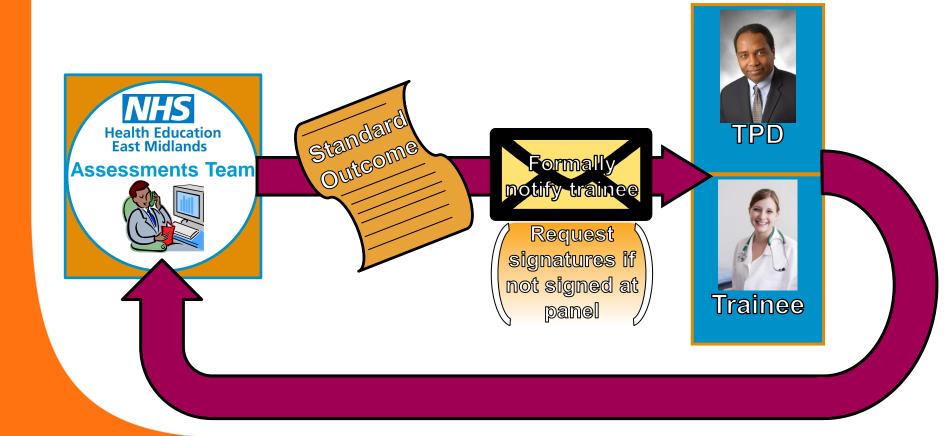
If an admin person is present they will assist and guide you with the above. Lay Reps will provide feedback on their experience of the day to the Quality Team.

Queries not related to the panel taking place should be directed to HEEM staff outside of the meeting e.g. OOP and IDT queries.

Following the ARCP panel: Standard outcome



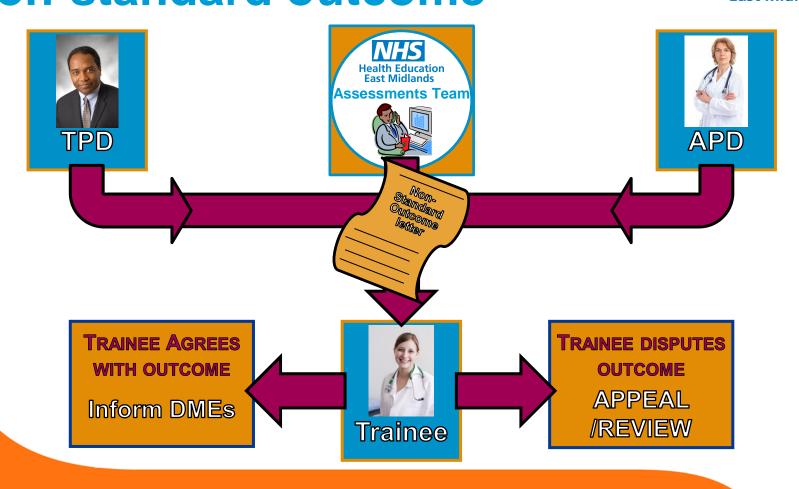
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Following the ARCP panel: Non-standard outcome



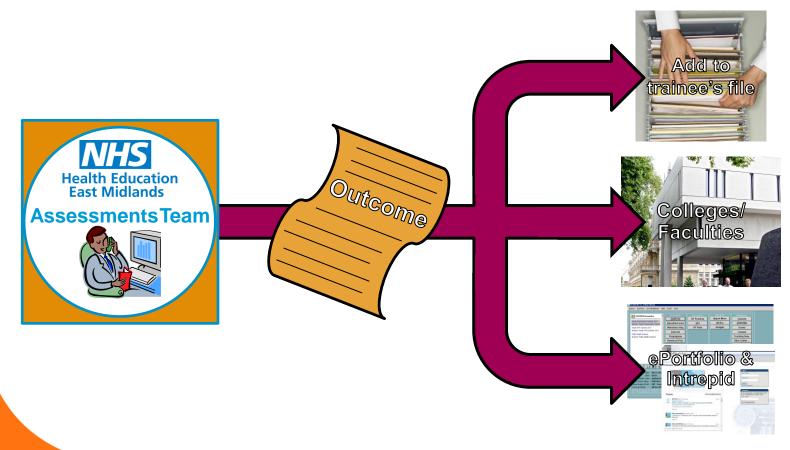
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Once outcome is determined

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How does

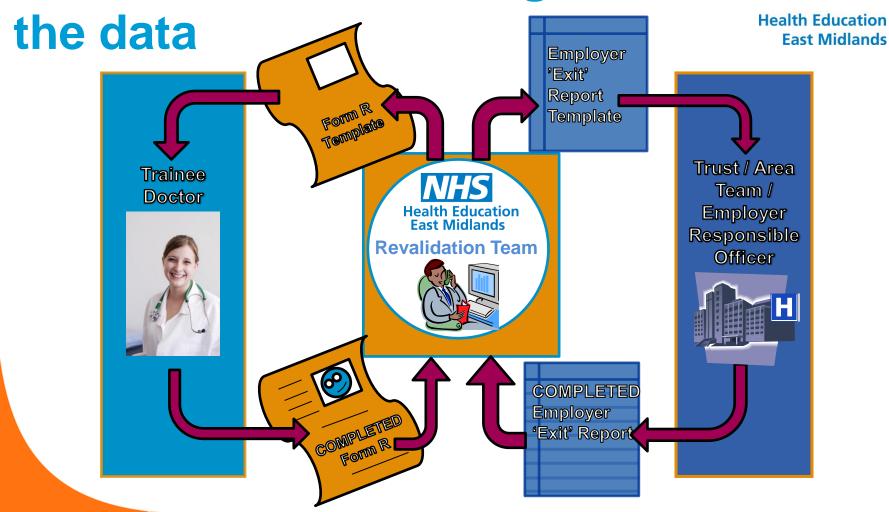
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feature into the ARCP process?



Revalidation 1: HEEM gathers

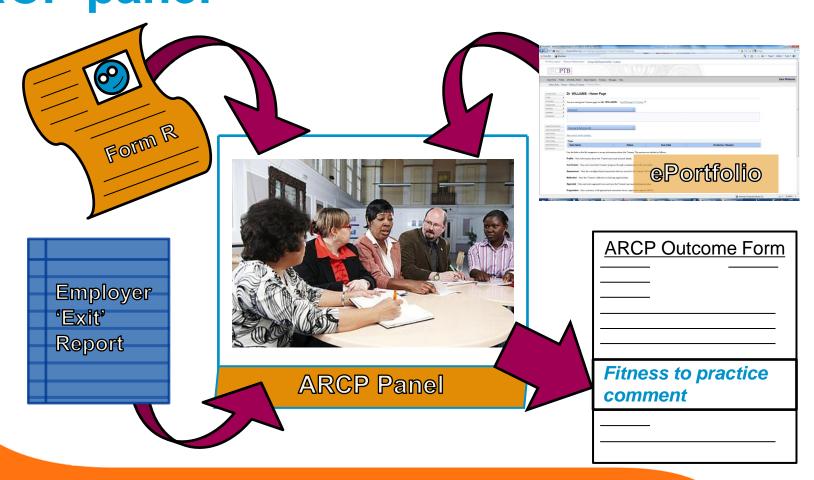




Revalidation 2: Data goes to ARCP panel



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Revalidation 3: Panel's comment informs RO's recommendation



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ARCP Panel considers:	
EDUCATIONAL EVIDENCE Essential ENHANCED FORM	Essential EMPLOYER EXIT REPORT Use if available
Annual Review of Competence Progression (ARCP) - Outcome Form Trainee Name: Jee Smid: GMC No: 0123456	 Panel gives educational outcome (Outcomes 1-9) as before. Panel now also <u>comments</u> on "fitness to practice". HEEM Revalidation team ensure any concerns identified are being investigated/dealt with by other Deanery / Employer processes. This may require a deferral of the trainee's Revalidation date (made by HEEM). Once there are no concerns, RO makes <u>recommendation</u> to GMC for Revalidation.
Brief summary of current concern: No concerns identified in educational evidence or Form R. Exit Report not received. These documents should be forwarded in topicale to the traines's Training Programme Director (who must ensure that the traines receives a copy through exception Report when there is a concern) and in the Clinical Supervisor Report and Education Supervisor Report, Are There current known unresolved causes of concern? Brief summary of current concern: Declaration of investigation on Form R and Exit Report. The panel has concerns about this trainee's abilities. Awaiting outcome of investigation. These documents should be forwarded in tripicate to the trainee's Training Programme Director (who must ensure that the trainee receives a copy through further strongers and distributions and in a concern and concerns about this trainee's abilities. Awaiting outcome of investigation.	Sevalidate trainee, considering all info available to them. Revalidation Team Officer GMC General Medical Council





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APPEALS





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Take a moment to think about the following...

What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Appeals'?



What are your thoughts and feelings?

What are your thoughts on being invited to attend an appeal?



Who has attended an Appeal?

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- How did it feel?
- Was it what you expected?



- What were the questions and information you were faced with and asked for?
- Did you feel armed and able to deal with what you were presented with?



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Think about Appeals you have attended

- Did the experience highlight any concerns about any panels you have attended in the past?
- Did you have any thoughts on how things could be done differently in the future?



Quiz Time – Appeals



How many appeals do you think there were in 2012?

Do you think there has been an increase or a decrease?

How many appeals (2010-2012) have been upheld?





How many trainees received non-standard outcomes in 2012?



Appeal Statistics

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How many appeals do you think there were in 2012? 16

Do you think there has been an increase or a decrease?

Increase: 2010 = 2, 2011 = 7

How many appeals (2010-2012) have been upheld?



Non-Standard Outcome Statistics



How many trainees received non-standard outcomes in 2012? 352

Outcome 2 – 141

Outcome 3 – 176

Outcome 4 – 35



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A trainee who has received a nonstandard outcome now wishes to appeal their outcome.



Is it a Review or an Appeal?



Review

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Outcome 2

- Review only
- Request: 10 working days
- Arrange: 15 working days
- A decision from this panel is final.





Appeal – there are 2 steps

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Outcome 3/4 Step 1

- Achieve common understanding
- Request: 10 working days
- Arrange: 15 working days
- Original decision is either upheld or revised.
 - If the trainee does not accept, the PD is informed





Appeal – there are 2 steps

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Outcome 3/4 Step 2

- Independent panel
 - None of the original ARCP/Step 1 panel members.
- Request: 10 working days
- Arrange: 15 working days
- Info pack: 5 days prior
- Original decision is either upheld or revised.







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Step 2 Appeal Panels consist of:

- The Postgraduate Dean or a nominated representative of the Chair.
- College/Faculty representative.
- A Senior Doctor from HEEM in the same Specialty.
- A Senior Doctor from HEEM but from a different Specialty.
- A Senior trainee from a different Specialty.
- A HR Representative from the employer or HEEM to advise the Chair on equal opportunities matters etc., and to record the proceedings of the appeal.



Appeals: Step 1 and 2

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 The trainee may bring a representative with them. The trainee should notify HEEM of this person's attendance; the Gold Guide specifies that this person should normally not be a lawyer or a family member.



How long this can take...

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ARCP Panel 10 Days Step 1 25 Days Step 1 35 Days Step 2 50 Days Step 2











Appeals – An emotive activity

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- Acknowledging the range of emotions that may be present
- Individuals may be concerned about the impact of their decisions
- Focus on the bigger issues

Points to remember at the "original" ARCP Panel

- A robust process is key
- Fairness and consistency
- Decisions based on evidence
- Ensuring that appropriate notes are made and captured on the ARCP form



Scenarios

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We will now put you in to small groups and give you an opportunity to try some of this out and work through some real life scenarios that are faced at appeals.