Executive summary

The annexed report updates the Board with the latest information on the programme of revalidation work in Scotland.

Recommendation

The Revalidation Advisory Board is asked to note the update report.
5.1 – UK progress updates – Scotland

Programme of work update: External Quality Assurance (EQA) Review of Medical Revalidation in Scotland

EQA of Medical Revalidation 2014 – 2015 Review

Annual appraisal rates in Scotland continued to improve and were at 93% (range from 70% to 100%); 11,066 doctors had an appraisal in 2014–2015. The deferral rate in Scotland remained low at 7% (range from 0% to 15% in NHS boards), which is below the UK rate of 13%.

In 2014–2015, 4,080 (31%) doctors were recommended for revalidation. Accordingly, Scotland is on track to complete the first cycle of revalidation by March 2017.

EQA of Medical Revalidation 2015 – 2016 Review

Healthcare Improvement Scotland is about to undertake this year’s EQA review of medical revalidation arrangements in Scotland. Last year there were 43 participating organisations. We anticipate that an additional two organisations will participate this year.

The self-assessment documentation is currently being updated and will be distributed to organisations by the end of March 2016. Organisations will be asked to return completed documentation and evidence to Healthcare Improvement Scotland by the end of May 2016.

Two evaluation panels will run simultaneously on 4 and 5 July 2016 to assess the self-assessment submissions and check on progress against actions from the previous year’s EQA review. The panels will be chaired by experienced Medical Directors and include Appraisal Leads, Clinical Governance Leads and Public Partners.

A national overview report and compendium of local reports will be presented to the Revalidation Delivery Board Scotland in November 2016. These reports will be published on the Healthcare Improvement Scotland website.