Agenda item: 4.5

Report title: Health Education England progress update

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Action: To note

Executive summary

The attached paper updates members on the revalidation work stream within Health Education England.

Recommendation

The Revalidation Advisory Board is asked to note the progress update from Health Education England.
HEE continues to work with postgraduate medical education colleagues across the UK to harmonise and quality assure revalidation processes. In particular the Conference of Postgraduate Medical Education Deans (COPMeD) in consultation with the GMC has recently agreed guidance on medical revalidation processes relating to a “Cause for Concern” arising in a doctor in postgraduate training.

**HEE update:**

- HEE is embarking on a review of Annual Review of Competency Progression (ARCP) as part of a wider project to support learners and improve training. For doctors in training the ARCP stands in for the annual appraisal and therefore how an ARCP panel identifies any fitness to practise concerns for escalation to the Responsible Officer will be an important element of the review. In addition the scope of the review extends to enabling the professional development of doctors moving in and out of training grades into locum and staff grade roles with the aim of using appraisal as a vehicle for harnessing and supporting competency development relevant to postgraduate training.

- HEE is developing a single “Trainee Information System” for use across the whole organisation. One of the first products in development is a revalidation module. This will allow all local offices to maintain their list of prescribed connections and make revalidation recommendations directly from the system. The pilot of this module is currently being evaluated. In addition to the specific revalidation module the introduction of a single system across HEE will also help facilitate better information sharing between local offices and training programmes.

- HEE has been working with NHS England on their “Responding to Concerns” work stream. There is a range of expectation and understanding regarding the support that HEE can provide to doctors who are not in a training programme. HEE recognises that it has a wealth of experience and resource relevant to remediation of colleagues from all career stages, but is limited in what it is resourced to provide within its governance structures. Work continues in establishing how HEE can support the wider “Responding to Concerns” agenda.

- Currently HEE is reviewing data relating to its revalidation recommendations ie to revalidate or to defer and exploring variations in patterns between local offices.