

Taking Revalidation Forward: Statement on Sir Keith Pearson's report

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The Academy welcomes and supports Sir Keith's clear and evidenced report. We are encouraged that revalidation is beginning to have a positive impact on clinical practice, professional behaviour and patient care and safety. But however, we recognise the process must not become overly burdensome and bureaucratic on doctors.

The Academy supports the GMC's five key priorities for action which are outlined in their response to Sir Keith's review. In particular, we are committed to working with Colleges and Faculties to review their guidance to ensure greater clarity and understanding of what is required for revalidation in a simple and consistent manner across all specialties. We also welcome the comments on improving patient feedback to make it a more effective process. This is a key priority for the Academy and we will continue our work in this area.

The Academy will meet with Colleges and Faculties in the coming weeks to consider Sir Keith's recommendations and agree a plan of work.