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Dear GP Colleagues,

I am sure, like me, you are starting to be more diligent about documenting your learning as we approach Revalidation. This is no easy task, time is always a factor, but it's a change I am trying to make and I guess you are too. We will need to document 50 credits in each of 5 years, with a mix of educational meetings, practice-based learning, on-line learning and reading. You may have already seen the link to the latest RCGP Revalidation Guide on the front page of our site.

How can BGPert help you with your learning?

Presentations and Appraisal

Have you looked at our [Presentations from Meetings page](#)?

Unique to BGPert, our virtual local resource allows you to refresh your memory after a meeting, or to share learning points from presentations with your colleagues back at your practice - or even to catch up if the meeting was one you wanted to attend but missed! Our website is increasingly popular: the numbers of page-hits means we are starting to exceed our bandwidth, so we may need to change to an alternative format in the future, possibly password protected. More on this another time. We have rewritten the Appraisal and Revalidation page too, to keep you updated with developments in your area.

Meetings

We continue to develop our programme based on your learning needs, as well as reflecting what may be seen as 'core curriculum'. We put all the dates for daytime events on the website as soon as they are confirmed, months ahead, so you can plan your learning. Evening meetings are there, too, but advertised closer to the time. These may focus on a topic in more detail, such as meetings on *Allergy and Asthma*; and, of course, annually updates on *Child Protection and Resuscitation*.

This year I am looking forward to attending the *Second Annual Respiratory Event* on 15th June and *Annual Diabetes Study Day*, 7th September, with my Practice Nurses. As we are collaboratively learning with our ST Colleagues during many events, Wednesday Topic Teaching afternoons at the PGMC are planned around learning with the emphasis on discussion.

We try to make sure we rotate days. So we have another *Nice Hot Topics* on Thursday May 12th and our Annual Dermatology Event, also on a Thursday, June 30th, whilst we have a *Breast Seminar* on Tuesday September 13th. We are exploring a new type of event, "*Everything you meant to read in the last 6 months...*", which covers key points from the recent professional literature over the last few months through a mixture of talks and group discussions. This is likely to be on a Wednesday 29th June.

Our *Basic Skin Surgery Courses* remain popular with two this year on Tuesday May 17th and Thursday November 10th. We plan to continue our quarterly Facing the Future meetings with the RUH Team and these will open to non-members, free of charge. If you are not sure what's coming up, have a [look here](#).

Our Team and Locality Events

We are happy to help you create meetings in your area and we are working with the Deanery to develop a plan for evening small group working. Having lost our Frome and Trowbridge Educators last year, we are again planning evening events in Trowbridge to which all the Education Team will contribute.

Anya, Linda and I are pleased to tell you we have been joined by Phil Whitaker who is a GP Trainer in Radstock. Phil is particularly interested in hearing about what you would like planned for the Wiltshire area: you can contact him via the website. We hope we can continue to offer you all high quality education. If you are considering joining another Trust please do review the new Reciprocity rules.

Clinical Resources

If there is an informative article, or website, you would like to share with others please let us know and we can add this to the Clinical Resources page on our website. I often use the link to the RUH Diabetes site for patient information, which can be found [here](#).

Lastly we will all have our heads down over the next few weeks. We are the first of the Severn Deanery Education Trusts to undergo a formal Quality Management Assessment- wish us luck!

Best wishes for your learning this year, we look forward to meetings with you,
Nicole and Team.