

Press statement

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RST comments on Secretary of State announcement on medical revalidation

Allan Coffey, Chief Executive of the NHS Revalidation Support Team (RST) said:

“The NHS Revalidation Support Team welcomes the Health Secretary’s decision that revalidation for doctors will start in December.

This historic step will give patients confidence that the doctors that treat them are up to date and fit to practice.

This decision is testament to the hard work and dedication across healthcare organisations to improve their clinical governance systems in preparation for revalidation. Substantial progress has been made over the last year, with the majority of doctors in England now linked to organisations that are ready to support them with revalidation.

The decision also reflects evidence from the RST’s three years of testing and piloting work, showing that systems of appraisal for revalidation are streamlined, proportionate and work for patients, employers and doctors.

There are areas that still need to be strengthened; however, the RST is working closely with the SHA clusters in England to support designated bodies that need to make further progress. We will also continue to monitor the effectiveness of revalidation systems, to help maximise benefits for patients, doctors and employers.

There are challenges ahead, but we are confident that revalidation will contribute towards improved patient safety and quality by driving improvements in clinical governance.”



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About the NHS Revalidation Support Team

The NHS Revalidation Support Team (RST) works in partnership with the Department of Health, the GMC and designated bodies to deliver an effective system of revalidation for doctors in England. This includes:

- supporting healthcare organisations and responsible officers in preparing for medical revalidation
- producing clear and effective guidance for annual medical appraisal, and
- providing evidence of the costs, benefits and practicalities of implementation, to ensure that revalidation supports high quality care and is cost-effective and efficient.

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