**FACULTY OF SPORT AND EXERCISE MEDICINE UK**



**GP with Extended Role (GPwER) in Musculoskeletal Medicine**

**Applicant Information – 2024 Pilot**

### with effect from April 2024

**INTRODUCTION**

This document is designed to provide helpful information and guidance to enable you to make an application for accreditation as a GP with Extended Role (GPwER) in Musculoskeletal (MSK) Medicine. This is not a standalone document and should be read in conjunction with the GPwER in MSK Medicine Framework, the FSEM MSK Medicine Diploma syllabus, and the FSEM GPwER in MSK Medicine Regulations – please see the [FSEM website](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/diplomate-member-section/gpwer/gpwer-pilot/) for more details. You can contact us at [accreditation@fsem.ac.uk](mailto:accreditation@fsem.ac.uk) and ask for advice regarding your GPwER accreditation submission.

**SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE**

Applicants for the GPwER in MSK Medicine pilot should download the forms required for the accreditation process from the [Faculty’s website](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/diplomate-member-section/gpwer/gpwer-pilot/#documents) and submit their completed forms and associated evidence via email to [accreditation@fsem.ac.uk](mailto:accreditation@fsem.ac.uk). Applicants participating in this pilot are expected to submit current evidence and applicants are required to submit their evidence within six months of their place on the pilot being confirmed by the Faculty (this is shorter than the predicted 12-18 months for candidates training into a GPwER role recognising this pilot relates only to GPs already working in an extended role who can use evidence accrued previously.

**REQUIRED EVIDENCE**

* [Form 1: Portfolio of evidence](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-1-portfolio-of-evidence/) – including personal details, record of training and relevant postgraduate qualifications, description of clinical experience and MSK service, involvement in quality improvement activities, complaints/compliments, reflection on colleague and patient feedback and evidence of appraisal.
* [Form 2: Mini CEX](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-2-mini-cex/) – checklist of clinical experience
* [Form 3: DOPS](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-3-dops/) – for aspiration/injections
* [Form 4:](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-4-learning-diary/) Learning diary including reflections on case-based discussions, learning events
* [Form 5a](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-5a-feedback-analysis/): Feedback and analysis
* [Form 5b](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-5b-patient-feedback-form/): Patient feedback form – minimum 25 returns
* [Form 6](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-6-audit-guidance-and-template/): Audit – e.g., of interventions (joint injections with outcomes), diagnostics or similar
* [Form 7](https://www.fsem.ac.uk/form-7-senior-clinical-ssr-v3-exc-rheum/): Senior clinical supervisor report(s)
* Evidence of successfully passing the FSEM Diploma in MSK medicine (and any other qualifications relevant to role)
* Any other relevant information
* Anonymise – GDPR (copy info from regulations?)

**CURRENCY OF EVIDENCE**

* Evidence will be accepted dating back to a period of time no longer than 5 years prior to the date of submission except for the senior clinical supervisor report which should relate to direct clinical supervision should be current (that has occurred within the last 12 months)
* The senior clinicians structured supervisors report must relate to regular and long-standing clinical interaction with the candidate. The senior clinical supervisor is usually expected to be a consultant or an associate specialist however senior clinicians in other specialities (e.g., physiotherapy) working at consultant grade would be acceptable.

OUTCOME

Applicants are permitted a six-month submission period to enable gathering of evidence including addressing any gaps in their evidence submission prospectively. The panel will review all submissions after the six-month deadline and will communicate the outcome to applicants within eight weeks of the deadline.

FEEDBACK

Applicants seeking accreditation as part of this pilot will receive feedback on their application, and re-submission of paperwork, or submission of additional evidence, can be requested by the panel after review. Candidate’s portfolios will be assessed and graded as either “Meets expectations” or “Did not meet expectations”.

Should the evidence meet the requisite standards then the candidate would then be accredited by the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine and their name entered on to a register of accredited GPwERs. Further support and guidance for GPwER is available for Diplomate members of FSEM and allied organisations.

Candidates whose portfolio does not meet expectations would be given written feedback on what is required to meet these expectations and invited to resubmit when they have addressed any deficits in their submission.

**COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURES**

All appeals or complaints must be lodged in writing in accordance with the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine UK Complaints Procedure. The full document can be downloaded from the Faculty website at [www.fsem.ac.uk](http://www.fsem.ac.uk).

**NOTE: These guidelines are under continual review therefore it is recommended that candidates keep in regular contact with the Faculty to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information. The Faculty will be able to advise you:** [accreditation@fsem.ac.uk](mailto:accreditation@fsem.ac.uk)