



# Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine UK

Excellence in Musculoskeletal Medicine, Exercise Medicine, and Team Care

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Responsible Officers (ROs) and Suitable Persons (SPs) have been appointed by the General Medical Council to ensure every licensed doctor has a relationship with a single RO/SP. The RO/SP must be GMC registered and licensed. They review clinical governance data and deal with any concerns regarding each doctor's practice as they arise. They also review each doctor's appraisal outputs. At the end of each five-year period, they will be able to recommend, using this information, whether a doctor should be revalidated or not. The GMC will then make the final decision concerning relicensing.

- i. This fee covers the training of appraisers, reimbursement of their time in preparing and conducting the appraisal and administrative costs. The FSEM cost for the service of our Suitable Person covers the cost of training and reimbursement of our SPs time reviewing the annual appraisal of the doctor and submitting a revalidation recommendation to the GMC. The total cost for the full appraisal and revalidation service is on our website.
- ii. This is a service the Faculty have arranged, through the GMC, to offer to doctors who do not have a prescribed connection to a Responsible Officer. Designated bodies such as the NHS and other large industries may cover the cost of the Responsible Officer for their employees. As only a small percentage of the FSEM membership require the services of our Suitable Person we cannot justify passing the cost onto the full membership therefore it was agreed that this cost should be borne by those members that require the service.
- iii. Concerns or no concerns about a doctor can only be determined after the completion of their appraisal.

The fee for the appraisal and revalidation services was decided by the Council of the Faculty.