

FACULTY OF SPORT AND EXERCISE MEDICINE UK



GP with Extended Role (GPwER) in Musculoskeletal Medicine

Applicant Information

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 for more details. You can contact us at accreditation@fsem.ac.uk and ask for advice regarding your GPwER accreditation submission.

SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE

Applicants for the GPwER in MSK Medicine should download the forms required for the accreditation process from the Faculty's website and submit their completed forms and associated evidence via an MS form provided by the Faculty via accreditation@fsem.ac.uk. Applicants are expected to submit current evidence and applicants are required to submit their evidence during one of the evidence submission windows advertised on the Faculty's website. Prior to submission, all applicants should have submitted an eligibility form and had their eligibility accepted.

REQUIRED EVIDENCE

- 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 – checklist of clinical experience
- Form 3: DOPS – for aspiration/injections
- Form 4: Learning diary including reflections on case-based discussions, learning events
- Forms 5a&b: Patient feedback and analysis – minimum 25 returns
- Form 6: Audit – e.g., of interventions (joint injections with outcomes), diagnostics or similar
- Form 7: 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
- You may submit documents containing patient data to support your GPwER in MSK Medicine application. All documents containing information referring to patients submitted as part of your GPwER application must be anonymised in line with GDPR. You can read more about how data you submit as part of your GPwER application will be processed and stored by FSEM in the line with the FSEM Privacy Policy.

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 to submit at any point during the submission window. The panel will review all submissions after the window has closed and will communicate the outcome to applicants within eight weeks of the window closing.

FEEDBACK

Applicants seeking accreditation 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.

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