

# **FACULTY OF SPORT AND EXERCISE MEDICINE UK**



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

## 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 Diploma in MSK Medicine syllabus, and the FSEM GPwER in MSK Medicine Applicant Information – please see the FSEM website for more details. You can contact us at [accreditation@fsem.ac.uk](mailto:accreditation@fsem.ac.uk) and ask for advice before you apply.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The following applicants will be eligible to apply for the GPwER in MSK Medicine:

- Have evidence of a CCT or equivalent in General Practice
- Have evidence of being currently registered, licensed and being in good standing with the GMC
- Be currently working in a primary care role, be on a performers list for General practice and have evidence of annual appraisal as a GP (not just in the extended role)
- Applicants must be a Diplomate Member, Member or Fellow of the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine UK in Good Standing
- Have successfully completed the [FSEM Diploma in MSK Medicine exam.](#)
- Applicants should already be working in an extended role in MSK Medicine.
- Candidates should be having regular clinical supervision from an appropriate senior clinician e.g. consultant grade or equivalent supervising within their scope of practice.

## HOW TO APPLY

Please fill out the Pre-Application Check form available on the GPwER in MSK homepage. The Faculty will then let you know if you have been successful and provide information on submitting your application during your selected application window.

## SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE

Successful 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 to [accreditation@fsem.ac.uk](mailto:accreditation@fsem.ac.uk) during one of the application windows. Applicants are expected to submit current evidence gathered within a period of time no longer than 5 years prior to submission. Further details are available in the GPwER in MSK Medicine Applicants Information.

## **FEES AND PAYMENT**

Applicants will pay the assessment fee of £850 within two weeks of receiving an invoice from FSEM. If payment is not made by the deadline, the applicant receives notice that their portfolio will not be reviewed.

## **EXPECTED TIMELINE**

Applicants can submit their portfolio of evidence at any point within the application window. Following closure of the window, the FSEM GPwER accreditation panel will review all submissions and will communicate the outcome to applicants within eight weeks of the window closing. Applicants will receive feedback on their application, and re-submission of paperwork, or submission of additional evidence, can be requested by the panel after review.

If a candidate is unable to submit during the application window, they may submit in the following window instead. We ask that candidates please inform FSEM if they plan to do this so that we can manage operations accordingly.

## **DATA PROTECTION AND GDPR**

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.

## **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 Regulations are under continual review therefore it is recommended that applicants 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:**

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