

13 March 2020

Sent by email

Dr Gerrard Phillips, Executive Medical Director
Dr Mike Jones, Medical Director for Training and Development
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CC: Prof Andrew Goddard, Prof Jackie Taylor and Professor Andrew Elder

Dear Gerrard and Mike,

RE: Temporary suspension of PYA process during COVID-19 pandemic

We are writing to ask for your help in managing the current situation within the NHS with regard to coronavirus.

We are all aware of the vital contribution that trainees in the physicianly specialities are making and the urgent need for their educator workforce in clinical care.

We are continuing to evaluate how best to manage the education and training processes across the 4 nations, including the ARCP processes for medical trainees, in the face of the developing situation, as there is a need to streamline these as much as possible.

The PYA process is one which, as not essential to progression, we think could be suspended to release administrative and clinical time.

We are requesting that all PYA processes supported and co-delivered by the JRCPTB are temporarily suspended from Monday 16th March.

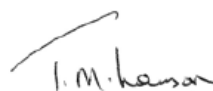
As you will be aware there has been separate discussion about the PYA processes generally in relation to the various new curricula. These discussions are at a very early stage, and completely separate in scope to the above.

We would be happy to discuss the practicalities and impact of this with you.

Yours sincerely,



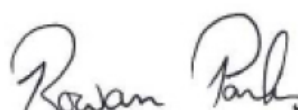
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