



Capita / PCSE delays in performers list applications

There have been delays in processing GP trainee applications for the Performers List beyond the three month window for applications to be processed.

Whatever the reason, GP trainees are not lawfully allowed to perform primary medical services past the three month mark (IE three months after the start of their GP specialty training programme, not three months after the start of the first GP placement), if they have not been added to the medical performers list. Trainees should inform their lead education organiser and training practice in a timely manner if there is a delay in an application being progressed.

If the application is approaching three months after the start of the GP specialty training programme, the trainee should contact their NHS England local area team personally to ask for their intervention. They could intervene urgently to consider the application, irrespective of whether Capita considers it to be complete, and to see whether it can be progressed to allow the trainee to continue working.

In the event that the necessary documentation has not been provided by the deadline, the NHS England local area team will be notified and will decide if the application should progress or further information is required.

Instructions for applications are outlined by Health Education England on the Primary Care Support England website. All documentation should be sent together with the application in order to be processed.

The BMA is providing support to practices and GPs via their employment advisors who can be contacted on 0300 123 1233 (between 08.30 to 18.00 Monday to Friday, excluding UK Bank Holidays). The BMA are also seeking legal advice on what can be done about the problem.