

Additional guidance for IMT ARCPs 2023 – May 2023

The IMCMTAC wanted to clarify a few issues ahead of ARCP to ensure consistency around the regions in how disruption to ARCP requirements due to the strike are managed.

The main issues anticipated are:

1. Missed SIM training. If an IMY2 has missed SIM due to the strike they could do this in IMY3 instead and progress on outcome 1 if no other issues. A trainee could also leave for a group 2 specialty, as long as all capabilities achieved. If the trainee is staying for IMY3 the region should ensure there is sufficient capacity to offer SIM training.
2. If an IMY1 has missed the procedures course and doesn't have evidence that they've achieved the required procedure level for end IMY1 then they should receive an outcome 2 (practical skills level for procedures is a core capability for IMY1). The panel should acknowledge the disruption due to the strike and once again, ensure there is sufficient capacity to offer the training at a later date.
3. A degree of flexibility around teaching hours

To reiterate, it is a capability based curriculum and numbers are indicative, so missing a very small number of clinics for example would not be expected to affect outcome.

Finally, we are still awaiting the changes to the ES report and summary tab on eportfolio to take into account OPCATS and the latest decision aid. I'm reassured this should be happening any day. If you are doing ARCPs before this has been actioned, please be mindful that OPCATS do not pull through to the ESR report or summary tab, so trainees may look like they insufficient mini-cex/CBDs, so it is important you take OPCATs into account. As discussed at the SAC, OPCATs were introduced after the start of the training year and if 2 OPCATs have not been achieved, the other evidence for CiP 4 and the entrustment level should be reviewed, as this may be sufficient.

Best wishes and good luck with ARCP season!

