The purpose of the MRCP(UK) Part 1 examination is to test knowledge and understanding of common and important disorders, as outlined in the UK curriculum, as well as clinical science. Knowledge and understanding of UK national guidelines is also required.

In 2017 (diets 1-3) the Part 1 examination was sat by 11,032 candidates (some of those sat more than once in 2017), 4,079 declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details are reported as ‘Other candidates’ (6,953).

UK trainees on their first attempt had a pass rate of 57.4% (1423/2481).
Other candidates on their first attempt had a pass rate of 44.0% (1901/4317).

More information about the limit on the number of attempts can be found on the MRCP(UK) website: https://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/regulations/limit-attempts
Figure 2. Performance by topic for CT1 and CT2 UK trainees and other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts made at the examination.