RCOT quality assurance and monitoring of amendments to programmes from September 2020

The advice and guidance provided to programme teams in March 2020, and again in April 2020, highlighted a temporary suspension of the usual RCOT major change process during the initial height of the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was made to allow programmes to respond rapidly to the situation and support students to progress through their programmes of study wherever possible. We highlighted that major changes made to accredited programmes during this period would instead be reviewed retrospectively, alongside the customary review of any minor changes, via the annual monitoring process at the end of the academic year.

The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) templates for the 2019/20 monitoring period will be available and circulated shortly. The reports enable teams to identify those changes made before, during and, where there is an intention to reverse them, after the initial height of the pandemic. Audit trails and any prior correspondence with RCOT regarding the changes made should be included in the AMR submission.

As the 2019-20 academic year draws to an end and programme teams develop plans, alongside their Faculty colleagues and practice partners, for the delivery of their programmes in the 2020/21 academic year, please note that RCOT will be re-introducing the normal major change process with effect from September 2020.

Any changes that programme teams wish to introduce to their programmes will need to be put to RCOT for approval in advance of their implementation from September 2020.

The process for notifying RCOT of major and minor changes is outlined on the website https://www.rcot.co.uk/node/2268/

Should you have any queries regarding the major and minor change process, please get in touch with the pre-registration team on qa@rcot.co.uk