Dear Colleague,

Safeguarding

There is considerable interest nationally at present in ensuring that all GPSTRs have been appropriately trained in Child (and Adult) safeguarding. Some GP schools in England have declined to give ARCP outcomes allowing their GPSTRs to get CCT if they had not provided evidence of a Safeguarding children certificate at level 3..

Child safeguarding clearly falls under the responsibilities of a Dr as defined by Good Medical Practice, and so by the GMC.

It is for the RCGP to define how this is evidenced, and until now the RCGP has not specifically stated a certificate at level 3 is essential.

However separate from completion of training it is totally clear that in order to enter onto the Performers’ list (and so to practice as a GP) it is a requirement for there to be a certificate of Child Safeguarding to level 3.

I would therefore strongly encourage all trainees to meet the expectation that they complete Child safeguarding to level 3 and reflect on this learning before the end of their training

Yours sincerely

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