

Trust Board Meeting: Wednesday 12 March 2014

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Title	Nomination of Responsible Officer for Medical Revalidation
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Status	For Approval
History	This is a new report.

Board Lead(s)	Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive			
Key purpose	Strategy	Assurance	Policy	Performance

Executive Summary

1. Following the resignation of Professor Edward Baker from the post of Medical Director and Responsible Officer for Medical Revalidation the Trust is required to formally appoint a replacement to ensure revalidation recommendations can continue to be made.

2. **Recommendation**

The Trust Board is asked to approve the appointment of Dr Tony Berendt to the role of Responsible Officer for Medical Revalidation from 1 April 2014 until further notice and to note his appointment as Acting Medical Director from the same date.

1. Purpose

1.1. Medical revalidation is the process by which doctors are declared fit to practise by the General Medical Council (GMC). This process is based on a recommendation made by a Responsible Officer formally appointed by the Trust Board. This recommendation is informed in the main by the outputs of annual appraisal which all doctors are required to engage in.

2. Background

2.1. Professor Edward Baker was appointed to the role of Responsible Officer in January 2011 in order to implement the requirements of Medical Revalidation. This was incorporated into his duties as Medical Director.

2.2. Medical Revalidation formally came into force on 4 December 2012. Since that time the Responsible Officer has made 142 recommendations, all of which have been upheld by the GMC.

2.3. Professor Baker is due to leave the Trust on 31 March 2014 and will therefore relinquish his role as Responsible Officer.

3. Main paper content

3.1. The Medical Profession (Responsible Officer Regulations) require the Trust to appoint a new Responsible Officer on the departure of an incumbent. The post holder must;

3.1.1. Be a medical practitioner

3.1.2. At the time of appointment, have been a medical practitioner throughout the previous 5 years

3.1.3. Continue to be a medical practitioner during the term of the appointment

3.2. Dr Tony Berendt is the current Deputy Medical Director and has been appointed as Acting Medical Director from 1 April 2014 whilst a replacement for Professor Baker is found. He fulfils the criteria for acting as a Responsible Officer, has successfully completed the Responsible Officer training course offered by the Department of Health, is the Appraisal and Revalidation Lead for the Trust and is qualified to conduct appraisal for Responsible Officers.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Board is asked to approve the appointment of Dr Tony Berendt as Responsible Officer for Medical Revalidation from 1 April 2014 and to note his appointment as Acting Medical Director from the same date.

Sir Jonathan Michael
Chief Executive

March 2014