

## Specialty Monitoring report

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Action no./ (Requirement)	Progress towards report actions	Date Action resolved	Outstanding aspects of Action
E1	<p><b>1) The College should provide a comprehensive mapping document which addresses coverage of all the learning outcomes to assessments which should be clear to students and staff.</b></p> <p>The college provided documents <i>DOC A1-IFSE Oral Medicine Curriculum Mapping Candidate Guidance</i> and <i>DOC A2-ISFE DPH Curriculum Mapping Candidate Guidance</i>. Following a review of these documents we are assured that there is a comprehensive mapping document in place.</p> <p>The Providers website provides guidance to all candidates and staff on the <i>Critical Appraisal Syllabus</i> and <i>An Introduction to the critical appraisal</i></p>	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<p>The GDC considers that the commentary and documents provided have addressed Action 1.</p> <p>No further action.</p>
E5	<p><b>2) The College should provide the GDC with an update on the development of blueprinting of assessments.</b></p> <p>The college provider the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- File B1-OM-Autumn '23 EXAMINATION Blueprint</li><li>- File B2-OM-Spring '24 EXAMINATION Blueprint</li><li>- File B3-DPH-Autumn '23 EXAMINATION Blueprint</li></ul>	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<p>The GDC considers that the commentary and documents provided have addressed Action 2.</p> <p>No further action.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- File B4-DPH-Spring '24 EXAMINATION Blueprint</li> <li>- File B5-OM Longitudinal Blueprint</li> <li>- File B6-DPH Longitudinal Blueprint</li> </ul> <p>The documents clearly demonstrated full coverage of Part A and Part B for both disciplines.</p> <p>The Longitudinal Blueprint are collated and allow ongoing review of the curriculum areas and highlight areas which have not been addressed. The college noted that they use this document to assist with question creation and paper collation for future diets.</p> <p>The college provided <i>DOC B7-Part A and B Processes</i> which clearly outlined the process used to ensure candidates are at the level of a day one specialist.</p>		
E5	<b>3) The College should provide a clearer rationale of which assessment tools are applied at each stage of the examination process.</b>	November 2023	<p>The GDC considers that the commentary and documents provided have addressed Action 3.</p> <p>No further action.</p>
E3/E7	<b>4) The College must provide an update on plans for the introduction of external examiners with a clear definition of their role along with a definitive timeline.</b>	August 2023	<p>The GDC considers that the commentary and documents provided have addressed Action 4.</p> <p>Requirements E3 and E7 are now considered to be Met.</p> <p>No further action.</p>

E8	<p><b>5) The College should continue to develop the process of robust standard setting and how this is employed for summative assessments.</b></p> <p>The college provided <i>DOC C1-Report on two-stage standard setting</i> which was an outcome report produced by Dr Hurst following a Quality Review of the standard setting process. Feedback was also sought from examiners, and this was captured in the document <i>File C2-ISFE Part A – Standard Setting and Marketing Examiner Feedback – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024</i>.</p> <p>The college provided <i>Doc C£ - Extract of SFEE Minutes June 2024</i> which demonstrated that developments captured in the quality review and feedback were discussed and approval sought.</p>	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<p>The GDC considers that the commentary and documents provided have addressed Action 5.</p> <p>No further action.</p>
E8	<p><b>6) In order to address the issue that examiners in part B of the examination may know the candidates, the College should consider the use of an external assessor to observe the exam rather than the Chair.</b></p>	August 2023	<p>There is clear reference in the autumn quality assurance report to this issue regarding Dental Public Health with an examiner knowing a candidate from some of their training period.</p> <p>The appointment of External Assessors by Autumn 2023 will be a positive addition and should help with this issue.</p> <p>The GDC considered that Action 6 has been addressed.</p> <p>No further action.</p>