



## **Training Assessment Panel July 2020**

The IBTPHEM, parent Colleges and Statutory Education Bodies recognise that during the present Covid-19 pandemic there are difficulties for trainees and trainers in preparing and providing evidence for TAP/ARCP as well as for us in delivering the TAP.

These difficulties arise as a result of cancellation of courses, professional examinations and assessments, as well as the reduced clinical experience and training available during placements due to cancellation of some clinical activities, and absence from work due to self-isolation and illness. It is also recognised that due to pressures of clinical work recognised trainers may not be able to complete assessments, write detailed reports and contribute to panels.

In these highly exceptional circumstances, the TAP will take place in order to advise on progression in training, but the evidence required will change to reflect these challenges. The Structured Training Report will be the key document reviewed. Your Educational Supervisor will be asked to additionally state in the STR all relevant experience gained during Covid-19 which might contribute to curricula requirements. Any significant issues raised in the STR will be marked as either present pre-Covid or occurred as a result of Covid.

Trainees are encouraged to fulfil the normal TAP criteria if circumstances allow. However, the minimum evidence required from workplace-based assessments will be altered to :

	Scheme	CEX	CBD	Sim	DOPS	MSF	OSAT	TO
NORMAL	A B C	15	30	10	30	2	12	5
COVID period	A	12	24	8	24	2	10	4
	C	9	18	6	18	2	7	3

Where normal evidence is not available due to the impact of Covid-19, compensatory evidence can be used. This includes :-

- Reflective practice notes
- A logbook of alternative pre-hospital activity
- Letters of confirmation of alternative pre-hospital activity
- Continuing professional development, eg e-learning



The TAP panel will consider all evidence submitted and have the additional option of noting that the trainee has achieved progress but some capabilities have been delayed by the impact of Covid-19, and award an Outcome 10 (COVID). This could require additional training time in PHEM or be limited to specific competences.

The TAP panel will be held with a group of more than 3 Training Programme Directors remotely. There will be opportunity for trainees to join the panel by videoconference at the end of the meeting if they wish.

The TAP will take place on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 and TAP submissions through the e-portfolio must be received no later than 4pm on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.

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