



FACULTY OF
PAIN MEDICINE
of the Royal College of Anaesthetists

General Medical Council approved
Credential for the Pain Medicine Specialist

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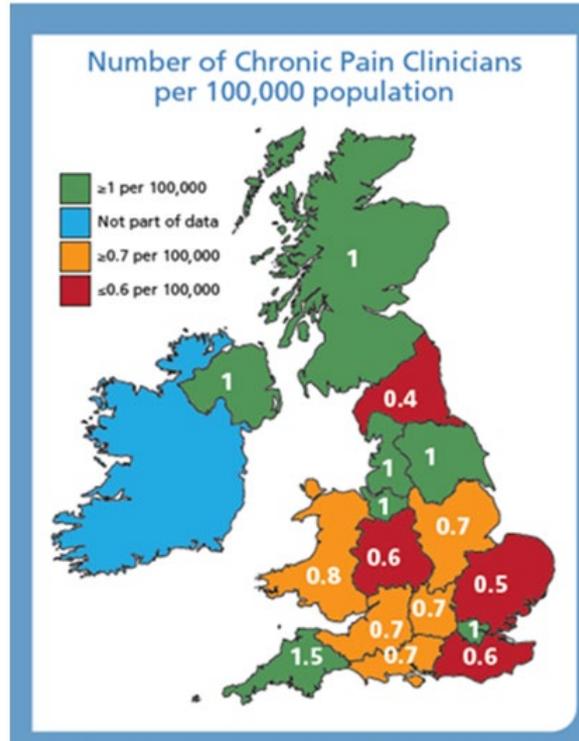
What is a GMC approved credential?

- A new process to formally recognise a doctor's expertise in a specific area of practice
- Approved training to develop doctors in an assured and educationally supervised environment
- Recognition of the credential on the doctor's entry on the List of Registered Medical Practitioners (LRMP) – benefit to public and employers

Why do we need a credential in Pain Medicine?

- Raising standards in the practice of Pain Medicine
- Future workforce planning by increasing the number of doctors who can train in this field
- Clear defined pathway to training in Pain Medicine for pre-CCT, post CCT and Specialty Grade doctors
- Opens access to training for Anaesthetists, Rheumatologists, Neurologists, Rehabilitation Medicine and Palliative Care doctors
- Clearer recognition of training in Pain Medicine, increasing patient safety

Evidence for the need for more doctors to be trained in Pain Medicine



What is the purpose and objective of the curriculum?

- The purpose of a Pain Medicine credential is to produce doctors with the specialist professional and clinical capabilities required to manage complex patients with acute and chronic (long-term) pain disorders.
- Pain management is a basic human right and it is the responsibility of any health care system to ensure that there are doctors specifically trained in pain medicine to safely alleviate pain.

What is the scope of practice?

A GMC approved Credential Specialist in Pain medicine will:

1. Have the necessary knowledge and skills to safely manage complex acute, acute on chronic, and chronic pain conditions in both hospital and community settings
2. Have the ability to practise within multidisciplinary teams
3. Can practice holistic Pain Medicine appropriate to their training and area of clinical practice
4. Can undertake posts where $\geq 40\%$ of weekly day time DCC sessions involve pain management related activities

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A GMC approved Credential Specialist in Pain medicine will:

5. Be a leader in Pain Medicine quality improvement processes
6. Undertake lifelong learning to fulfil revalidation in Pain Medicine
7. Participate in training and teaching strategies at local and national levels for doctors and other members of a multidisciplinary pain management team
8. Be affiliated to the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) and upholds FPM core standards in Pain Medicine



Any questions?

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