



The Royal College of **Pathologists**

Pathology: the science behind the cure

ECR0175 - HCPC Guidance on requirements for returning to practice

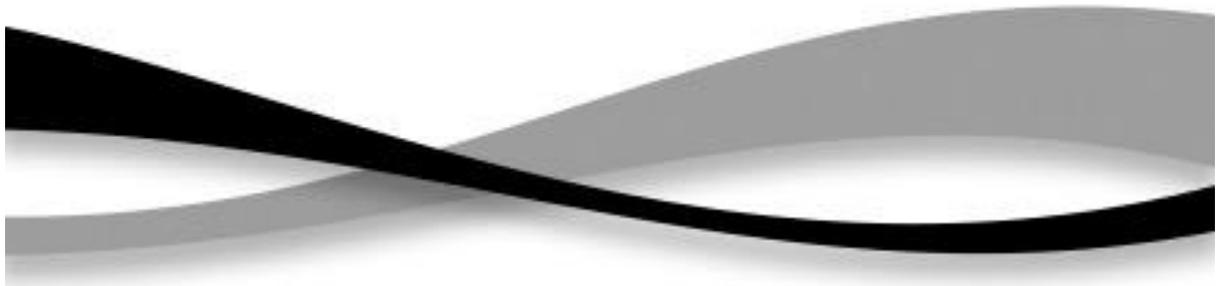
The Royal College of Pathologists' written submission

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1 About the Royal College of Pathologists

1.1 The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) is a professional membership organisation with charitable status. It is committed to setting and maintaining professional standards and to promoting excellence in the teaching and practice of pathology. Pathology is the science at the heart of modern medicine and is involved in 70 per cent of all diagnoses made within the National Health Service. The College aims to advance the science and practice of pathology, to provide public education, to promote research in pathology and to disseminate the results. We have over 10,000 members across 19 specialties working in hospital laboratories, universities and industry worldwide to diagnose, treat and prevent illness.

1.2 The Royal College of Pathologists comments on the ECR0175 - HCPC Guidance on requirements for returning to practice document for consultation. The following comments were made by members and Fellows of the College consulted during August and September 2016 and collated by Dr Mike Scott, Chair of the Clinical Science Committee.

2 Consultation responses

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2.1.1 The guidance document is clear and concise and will be a very useful guide for staff returning to practice. We see nothing contentious in the guidance and there were positive responses to the summary and the question/answer format which we believe would deal with the vast majority of queries.

2.1.2 The revised document further emphasises the importance of completing update within 12 months.

2.1.3 In summary, the guidance document excellently outlines the process of HCPC registered staff who wish to return to practice.