

## Prevocational Accreditation Committee Position Statement *PGY2s as the most senior doctor on site*

The Prevocational Accreditation Procedure presently states;

### *A PGY2 Trainee:*

- *Must be supervised however the supervisor can be asleep but must be onsite and readily accessible.*
- *A PGY2 must not be the most senior person on site at any time unless approval has been granted from the Prevocational Accreditation Committee (PAC).*

*In certain circumstances, and at their discretion, the PAC may allow terms which deviate from the above statements. However any deviations must have the express permission of the PAC.*

Currently instances of a PGY2 being (from time to time) the most senior doctor on site, identified by the PAC and usually flagged by a survey team at an accreditation survey, result in a Condition being placed on a training facility's accreditation.

This document outlines PAC's position on a PGY2 being the most senior doctor on site (from time to time) and specifically what circumstances the Committee is more likely to consider an exemption for a term to be appropriate for a PGY2 to be the most senior doctor on site.

Some or all of the following circumstances should be in place:

- That a supervisor is responsible and available to provide support from another department within the facility or via telephone at all times throughout the shift. As evidence provide the supervisor's position description stating this requirement. If off-site, the supervisor must be able to attend the site within 30 minutes, if requested to by the trainee.
- The level of acuity of the patients, including the probability of patients declining rapidly. In general, approval will be given for low acuity (e.g rehabilitation facilities).
- The presence of a 24 hour Emergency Department (ED) staffed by more senior medical staff who are able to leave the ED and assist the PGY2 as required.
- The facility must have a written protocol which addresses the assessment and management of the deteriorating patient, including guidelines on when and how to transfer the patient to a more acute facility, and what to do in the case of an emergency (e.g. dial 000).
- The term supervisor must provide a written process for how the trainee will be assessed as being confident and competent to perform as the only doctor on-site and how this will be monitored. Trainees who express concern regarding their confidence or competence in this regard should be removed from the term without prejudice.