

Lottie Bain  
BPSA President

By email

14 August, 2014

Dear Lottie,

**BPSA report of the June 2015 Registration Assessment**

Thank you very much for your report on the GPhC's June 2015 sitting. As you know, we welcome the BPSA's views on all aspects of our work and we have discussed your report extensively as part of our sitting debrief. I wanted to give you an update on work relating to some of the issues you raised.

**Setting and marking papers**

There were a number of points relating to paper construction and setting pass marks which we have tackled by producing some flow diagrams illustrating the stages involved in setting a paper and then arriving at a pass mark. You can find them on our website at <http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/education/pharmacist-pre-registration-training/trainees/registration-assessment/whats-new-2015>. We have produced the diagrams to show that papers are set in a consistent way, with reference to the syllabus and that the process for setting pass marks always takes into account the performance of questions, papers and, of course, candidates. I would appreciate it if you could bring them to the attention of your members.

**Candidate performance**

For the last few years the Board of Assessors has issued learning points to help future candidates prepare for the assessment. This year the Board has gone a step further by issuing actual questions so that candidates can reflect on their performance, and also reflect on where there may be areas for improvement. These will be published next week.

**Feedback from the Board of Assessors**

We passed on your report to the Board of Assessors and it was considered at their July meeting. The Board of Assessors' report on the June sitting will be presented to the September meeting of the GPhC Council and will be available publicly on the 7th September. I will ensure that a copy is sent directly to you when it is issued.

**Operational feedback**

The points you raised about particular venues have been fed back to our Customer Services team, which is responsible for managing the Assessment on the day of a sitting. The team will consider what you have said, along with reports from invigilators, when making arrangements for 2016 sittings.

I hope we can continue to have a productive dialogue about the assessment, not only relating to this June's sitting but also the changes we are making in 2016. We will be contacting you again shortly to arrange a follow up meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duncan Rudkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

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