

Plastic Surgery Final Years (2012) Assessment Blueprint

Plastic Surgery Final Years Assessment Framework		Frequency (minimum)	Recommended number (minimum)
A	Case Based Discussion (CBD) ^(F)	Approx. 1 per week	Approximately 10 per year
B	Procedure Based Assessment (PBA) ^(F) + surgical logbook		Approximately 20 per year
C	Multisource Feedback – MSF ^(F)		1 per year
D	Reflective practice ^(F)		Combined with the above and approximately 8-10 exercises per year
E	FRCS(Plast) ^(S)	Once (may have been achieved in the Intermediate Stage)	
F	Learning Agreement / Appraisal / AES Report ^(S) Appraisal includes assessment of audit, research and other projects.	6 (one at the beginning, middle and end of each year, culminating in the AES Report)	
G	ARCP ^(S)	1 per year	

^(F) = Formative
^(S) = Summative

Final Years Syllabus Domains	Knowledge							Clinical skills							Technical skills							Professional skills						
Blueprint to GMC Domains	1							1, 2							1, 2							1, 2, 3, 4						
Final Years Assessment Framework	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Blueprint to Final Years Modules	**	**	*	**	**	*	*	*	**	**	*	*	*	*	*	**	**	*	*	*	*	**	**	**	**	*	*	*
Symbols used: Covered by method ** Partially covered by method *																												

The assessment of the final years will be mainly by formative workplace-based assessments and primarily through the CBD, PBA and MSF. For each module there will be specific PBAs at each skill level. There are existing DOPS which have been mapped to basic level as well as PBAs. The CBD will be used for discussion around complex management planning particularly in the context of the multidisciplinary team. Trainees will be able to undertake reflective learning exercises that will count towards their portfolio evidence. Evidence from these assessments will also inform the summative assessment by the AES and the ARCP.

A quality indicator for the evaluation of training posts is that they must be able to provide the trainee with the opportunity to undertake 40 workplace-based assessments per year (approximately 1 per week).