

Key Changes UKFPO Reference Guide 2016

The new edition of the FP Curriculum - *Foundation Programme Curriculum 2016* - will be implemented from August 2016 and it was appropriate to review the FP Reference Guide at the same time. As part of the review the UKFPO was mindful of the strategic objective to align the FP Reference Guide with *A Reference Guide for Postgraduate Specialty Training in the UK* (the Gold Guide) where appropriate. We have endeavoured to structure the FP Reference Guide as closely as possible to the Gold Guide to make it easier to use for our many colleagues who work across foundation and specialty/GP training.

The key changes to this edition of the FP Reference Guide are:

- **Structure** – The content has been re-organised to align with the structure and section headings of the Gold Guide as much as possible, but the majority of the text remains unchanged.
- **Less Than Full Time training** – eligibility to apply for LTFT training will be the same for both speciality and foundation doctors.
- **Trainee as Employee** – a new chapter which sets out the responsibility of the foundation doctor as an employee.
- **Standards** - revised relevant text to take account of the GMC's new standards for delivering postgraduate medical education and approving trainers.
- **Terminology** – F1CC (Foundation Year 1 Certificate of Completion) and FPCC (Foundation Programme Certificate of Completion) will be the certificates awarded as a result of satisfactory completion of FY1 and FY2 respectively