Equivalence Committee

Remit
- To determine criteria for applicants for specialist registration under CESR
- To review individual applications for Certificates of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) in accordance with College policy and General Medical Council (GMC) guidance within agreed frameworks
- To advise the College on issues relating to specialist registration for international doctors and other related matters

Specific Responsibilities
- The Committee reports to the Education and Training Committee (ETC)
- CESR applications whose outcome cannot be agreed unanimously by the evaluators will either be reviewed by the Committee or Chair’s action will be taken to reach a final decision on whether the applicants’ training and experience fulfill criteria under all four GMC domains and equivalence both in clinical and theoretical content to the current curriculum in psychiatry.
- As part of the review process the Committee will recommend further training, experience, examinations, assessments or other tests of competence where necessary to ensure eligibility for specialist registration.
- The criteria will be revised from time to time and amendments recommended to ETC and the GMC.
- Members should submit any declarations of interest to the committee.
- The Equivalence Committee meets 4 times each year. Members are expected to attend at least two of the four meetings per year.

Membership
- Chairperson: The Chair, who should be a Member/Fellow of the College, is appointed by ETC with a Term of Office of 3 years, with the option to stand down after two years.
- Committee Members: Members are co-opted from or nominated by Faculties representing each psychiatric specialty.
- There are also representatives from:
  - Psychiatric Trainees’ Committee
  - Specialty Doctors’ Committee
• Ex Officio: The Dean
• Term of office: 4 years with the option to step down after 2 years. Members, who find that they cannot fulfil their duties, or experience difficulties during their tenure, should discuss this with the Chair at the earliest opportunity.

Lay Member’s Specific Responsibilities
• To provide advice to the Committee in matters such as equal opportunities, diversity, and best practice in general
• To participate in the deliberations of the Committee and review criteria as set out above
• The appointee is a non-voting member and does not evaluate individual applications
• The appointee works purely as an individual and not on behalf of any other organisation
• The appointee should submit any declarations of interest to the committee

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