

# FACULTY OF SPORT AND EXERCISE MEDICINE UK



## GP with Extended Role (GPwER) in Musculoskeletal Medicine

**2024 Pilot Regulations  
with effect from April 2024**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This document is designed to provide helpful information and guidance to enable you to make an application for accreditation as a GP with Extended Role (GPwER) in Musculoskeletal (MSK) Medicine. This is not a standalone document and should be read in conjunction with the GPwER in MSK Medicine Framework, the FSEM Diploma in MSK Medicine syllabus, and the FSEM GPwER in MSK Medicine Applicant Information – please see the [FSEM website](#) for more details. You can contact us at [accreditation@fsem.ac.uk](mailto:accreditation@fsem.ac.uk) and ask for advice before you apply.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PILOT**

The following applicants will be eligible to apply for the 2024 GPwER in MSK Medicine pilot:

- Have evidence of a CCT or equivalent in General Practice
- Have evidence of being currently registered, licensed and being in good standing with the GMC
- Be currently working in a primary care role, be on a performers list for General practice and have evidence of annual appraisal as a GP (not just in the extended role)
- Applicants must be a Diplomate Member, Member or Fellow of the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine UK in Good Standing
- Have successfully completed the [FSEM Diploma in MSK Medicine exam](#).
- For the purpose of this pilot applicants should already be working in an extended role in MSK Medicine.
- Candidates should be having regular clinical supervision from an appropriate senior clinician e.g. consultant grade or equivalent supervising within their scope of practice.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

The Faculty will register expressions of interest to take part in this 2024 GPwER accreditation pilot. Please fill out the [Pilot application form](#). It is at the discretion of the FSEM GPwER Assessor panel which expressions of interest will be accepted to take part in the pilot, and successful applicants will be contacted by the Faculty.

Unsuccessful applicants are advised to reapply in 2025 after the pilot programme has been completed.

## **SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE**

Successful applicants for the GPwER in MSK Medicine should download the forms required for the accreditation process from the [Faculty's website](#) and submit their completed forms and associated evidence via email to [accreditation@fsem.ac.uk](mailto:accreditation@fsem.ac.uk). Applicants participating in this pilot are expected to submit current evidence (gathered within a period of time no longer than 5 years prior to submission), and applicants are required to submit their evidence within six months of their place on the pilot being confirmed by the Faculty. Further details are available in the [GPwER in MSK Medicine Applicants Information](#).

## **FEES AND PAYMENT**

Successful applicants will pay the assessment fee of £425 (50% fee reduction) associated with this pilot within two weeks of receiving confirmation of their place on the pilot from FSEM. If payment is not made by the deadline, the applicant receives notice that their place on the pilot is re-allocated, and the FSEM assessor panel will select an alternative candidate from the applicant pool to be assessed.

## **EXPECTED TIMELINE FOR THE 2024 PILOT**

The FSEM GPwER accreditation panel will select between 5 applicants to participate in the pilot. Applicants are permitted a six-month submission period, during which the forms required for the application process, together with current supporting evidence, will be completed and submitted to the FSEM GPwER accreditation panel. The panel will review all submissions after the six-month deadline and will communicate the outcome to applicants within eight weeks of the deadline. Applicants seeking accreditation as part of this pilot will receive feedback on their application, and re-submission of paperwork, or submission of additional evidence, can be requested by the panel after review.

If a candidate is unable to adhere to the six-month deadline of the GPwER accreditation pilot, extension of their deadline will be considered on an individual basis, and applicants are expected to provide documentation of extenuating

circumstances. If a candidate is unable to complete the pilot within the six-month period without sufficient reason to grant a deadline extension, they will be asked to re-apply to the Faculty for GPwER accreditation in the following year.

## **DATA PROTECTION AND GDPR**

You may submit documents containing patient data to support your GPwER in MSK Medicine application. All documents containing information referring to patients submitted as part of your GPwER application must be anonymised in line with GDPR. You can read more about how data you submit as part of your GPwER application will be processed and stored by FSEM in the line with the FSEM Privacy Policy.

## **COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURES**

All appeals or complaints must be lodged in writing in accordance with the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine UK Complaints Procedure. The full document can be downloaded from the Faculty website at [www.fsem.ac.uk](http://www.fsem.ac.uk)

**NOTE: These Regulations are under continual review therefore it is recommended that applicants keep in regular contact with the Faculty to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information. The Faculty will be able to advise you:**

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