

e-Portfolio for Physicians Training Update – July 2008

The text below is partly based on a memo about the Foundation ePortfolio circulated by NES on 24th July, but adapted to be more specific to the Physicians' ePortfolio.

ePortfolio 2.0 testing

JRCPTB and the RCP Education Department have been extensively testing the new ePortfolio in recent weeks. In general we are very pleased with new look and have found it clearly presented and intuitive to use. It has been robust under testing with very few "bugs". There are a number of areas where the presentation and working of the system is not right for our users and we are still working hard with the developers to iron out the most significant of these issues in the next week. There will be things that are not as we want them on day 1 but which will be corrected in coming weeks. We will publish a summary of these issues and any known problems.

Familiarisation

To see the Physician's ePortfolio go to demov2.nhseportfolios.org. A list of test usernames is on the next page. The password for all of these is "password".

Historical data

For the first few weeks we will continue to provide read only (historical) access to the data stored in version 1. Users will have access to this information via a button on their home page, directing them to the current software and data tables (Scotland and rest of UK). This information cannot be edited – if an attempt is made to add or change anything an error message will be generated. If, for example, you need to submit a late assessment, form, log or PDP entry, you should create a new record in ePortfolio 2.0 specifying that it should relate to a previous post. Once the system has

stabilised the read only historical content will be transferred behind the scenes, and will then be editable again.

Records of Competence

Data recorded so far in the record of competence / self-assessment will not be carried over to the new system immediately but will follow in the first few weeks. Therefore to avoid problems of merging two sets of data we will disable the ability to add new entries to record competencies until this historical data is brought across.

Upload feature

We are pleased to now be adding an upload feature for a trial period. This will enable doctors to upload documents to their personal library (new section). There is currently a 20mb limit per person, so we would encourage you to compress any large files, such as PowerPoint or images. The upload trial will be reviewed after an initial period of usage to determine user requirements and resources needed.

Scotland / DOTS

Scottish foundation users will now be using the same ePortfolio system as those in other areas of the UK. The user tables will no longer be shared with DOTS so it does mean that if information is updated in DOTS or ePortfolio it will not be automatically updated in the other. However, it does mean that we now have a consistent UK-wide portfolio, so for trainees moving from or to Scotland this will automatically enable them to keep their ePortfolio record.

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