

EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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	For completion by External Examiner:			
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Home Institution / Employer of External Examiner:	University of Bristol/University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust			
Programme and / or Subjects Covered by this Report:	MBChB Programme, Obstetrics and Gynaecology			
Academic Year / Period Covered by this Report:	2012-2013	Date of Report:	13.06.2013	

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1. Programme Structure

The programme is integrated, such that transferable skills are taught across the programme

2. Academic Standards

Following observation and participation in the OSCE exam, the vast majority of students are knowledgeable and have good communication skills. Overall the standard is comparable to that found within other MBChB programmes. Prize viva voce examination of the top O&G students revealed a high standard of knowledge and an awareness of the societal implications of new medical developments

3. The Assessment Process

The process used different examination methods to ensure that MBChB learning objectives were rigorously assessed. Methods of standard setting and marks calculation were transparent and fair. All students were treated equally during the examination process, and marks were considered by university candidate number rather than name at the Board of Examiners

4. Year-on-Year Comments

Not applicable

5. Preparation / Induction Activity (for new External Examiners only)

The documentation supplied is helpful, as is the pre-examination briefing. It would have been useful to know which other subjects are examined alongside O&G, and also that there is a co-external examiner in psychiatry, prior to reviewing the written examination question bank

6. Noteworthy Practice and Enhancement

The clinical situations examined in the OSCE were realistic and gave able students the ability to perform above the standard required for MBChB whilst ensuring only competent students would pass

7. Appointment Overview (for retiring External Examiners only)

Not applicable

8. Annual Report Checklist

Please include appropriate comments within Sections 1-7 above for any answer of 'No'.

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
Progr	amme/Course Information			
8.1	Did you receive sufficient information about the Programme and its contents, learning outcomes and assessments?	Y		
8.2	Were you asked to comment on any changes to the assessment of the Programme?		N	
Draft	Examination Question Papers			
8.3	Were you asked to approve all examination papers contributing to the final award?	Υ		
8.4	Were the nature, spread and level of the questions appropriate?	Υ		
8.5	Were suitable arrangements made to consider your comments?	Υ		
Marki	ng Examination Scripts			
8.6	Did you receive a sufficient number of scripts to be able to assess whether the internal marking and classifications were appropriate and consistent?			N/A
8.7	Was the general standard and consistency of marking appropriate?	Υ		
8.8	Were the scripts marked in such a way as to enable you to see the reasons for the award of given marks?	Υ		
8.9	Were you satisfied with the standard and consistency of marking applied by the internal examiners?			
8.10	In your judgement, did you have the opportunity to examine a sufficient cross-section of candidates' work contributing to the final assessment?	Y		
Cours	sework and Practical Assessments			
8.11	Was the choice of subjects for coursework and / or practical assessments appropriate?	YY		
8.12	Were you afforded access to an appropriate sample of coursework and / or practical assessments?			
8.13	Was the method and general standard of assessment appropriate?	Υ		
8.14	Is sufficient feedback provided to students on their assessed work?	Υ		
Clinic	al Examinations (if applicable)			
8.15	Were satisfactory arrangements made for the conduct of clinical assessments?	Υ		
Samp	ling of Work			
8.16	Were you afforded sufficient time to consider samples of assessed work?	Υ		
Exam	ining Board Meeting			

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
8.17	Were you able to attend the Examining Board meeting?	Υ		
8.18	Was the Examining Board conducted properly, in accordance with established procedures and to your satisfaction?	Y		
8.19	Cardiff University recognises the productive contribution of External Examiners to the assessment process and, in particular, to the work of the Examining Board. Have you had adequate opportunities to discuss the Programme and any outstanding concerns with the Examining Board or its officers?			
Joint	Examining Board Meeting (if applicable)			
8.20	Did you attend a Composite Examining Board, i.e. one convened to consider the award of Joint Honours degrees?		N	
8.21	If so, were you made aware of the procedures and conventions for the award of Joint Honours degrees?			N/A
8.22	Was the Composite Examining Board conducted according to its rules?			N/A

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