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MARS Enhancements to the Medical Appraisal and Revalidation System aligned with Good Medical Practice (GMP)

Doctor

We've made several updates to MARS to align with the Good Medical Practice 2024 guidelines and enhance the quality and consistency of appraisals for doctors in Wales. These changes are designed to ensure that all appraisals meet the necessary standards.



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As of January 30, 2024, the updated version of [Good Medical Practice \(GMP\)](#) has come into effect for doctors. The domains on MARS will be updated to reflect these changes on **18/03/2025**. Below is a comparison of the new and previous domains:

New Domains	Previous Domains
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Knowledge, skills and development2. Patients, partnership and communication3. Colleagues, culture and safety4. Trust and professionalism	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Knowledge, skills and performance2. Safety and quality3. Communication, partnership and teamwork4. Maintaining trust <p>Teaching, research, leadership, and innovation</p> <p>Insights and Reflections</p> <p>Probity & Complaints</p>

How Will This Affect My Current Entries?

- **No Action Required:** Your current appraisal information and PDP entries under the old domains will remain unchanged. You do **not** need to update the domain unless you choose to do so. Your appraiser will update any previous domains to align with the new GMP.
- **If You Update a Domain:** Changing the domain won't affect the content of your entries. You can save any updated entry as usual.

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- If you need to edit your appraisal information or PDP entries, you can do so as normal, but you will need to update the domain to align it with the new GMP domains.

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Impact on Declarations

- If you've used an old domain in your declarations, you will need to update it to one of the new domains.
 - **If Not in Lockout:** You can edit your declarations as usual.
 - **If in Lockout:** Your appraiser can unlock your declarations to allow you to make changes.
- **Note:** If your meeting was booked after **18/03/2025**, your appraisal summary cannot be finalised until your declarations have been updated to reflect the new domains.
- **Note:** Please be aware that when your appraiser unlocks your declarations, you will receive an automatic email notification with the subject "**Probity Unlocked.**"
 - When this happens, please ensure you review and update the domains in your declarations in line with the new **Good Medical Practice (GMP) guidance.**

Appraisal Attributes Removed

The appraisal attributes feature has been removed. However, this will **not** impact your existing appraisal entries.



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