



UNION EUROPÉENNE DES MÉDECINS SPÉCIALISTES

SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY

Consultation: Profile of a Psychiatrist

Thank you for helping us with the consultation on the new Profile of a Psychiatrist for Europe. The purpose of the Profile is to outline the roles that the contemporary specialist in psychiatry needs to occupy in order to be an effective medical leader within the mental healthcare services of Europe. When complete this document will guide the revision of the Competency Based Training (CBT) Framework for the European Specialist in Psychiatry. The CBT Framework will in turn guide the development of national curricula and training programmes in psychiatry. Because of the cultural diversity and different models of healthcare delivery in Europe, we do not believe that the creation of a single European Psychiatry Curriculum is either desirable or feasible in the immediate future. We recognise however, that the requirement for free movement of professionals in Europe makes it necessary for psychiatrists to be trained to common standards. The Profile is therefore a vital element in the standards of training for psychiatry in Europe.

The Profile is composed of seven Roles that the Psychiatrist must fulfil. Each Role has a description and brief rationale. Underneath each Role is an outline of the Major Competencies or capabilities that the Psychiatrist must demonstrate as part of the role. It is intended that the Roles and Major Competencies will form the basis of the revised CBT Framework and that in the CBT Framework each Major Competency will be underpinned by a number of Supporting Competencies.

It is important to note that Major Competencies are similar to capabilities and should be understood to be the ability to achieve certain outcomes, so they are higher order descriptors. The details of the knowledge, skills and behaviours that should be displayed will be described in the Supporting Competencies of the CBT Framework.

Consultation Questions:

1. The structure of the Profile is based on the seven [CanMEDS Roles of a Physician](#). This is an internationally recognised model for organising a Curriculum. We considered adding two new roles to the Profile that are not included in CanMEDS; they were the Psychiatrist as Mentor and the Psychiatrist as Manager. We decided instead to place some of the elements of these proposed roles in to the role of Psychiatrist as Leader and Psychiatrist as Scholar, in order to maintain fidelity with CanMEDS.
 - 1.1 Do you agree that it is right thing to maintain fidelity to the CanMEDS seven Roles?

- 1.2 If not what are there other Roles that should be included in the Profile or which of the Roles should be removed or replaced?
2. The first Role in the Profile is the Role of Psychiatrist as Medical Expert.
 - 2.1 What are your comments about this Role and the Description that is given?
 - 2.2 Have all the necessary major competencies been included?
 - 2.3 Should any of the Major Competencies be removed?
 - 2.4 Should any of the Major Competencies be modified?
3. The second Role in the Profile is the Role of Psychiatrist as Communicator What are your comments about this Role and the Description that is given?
 - 3.1 Have all the necessary major competencies been included?
 - 3.2 Should any of the Major Competencies be removed?
 - 3.3 Should any of the Major Competencies be modified?
4. The third Role in the Profile is the Role of Psychiatrist as Collaborator
 - 4.1 What are your comments about this Role and the Description that is given?
 - 4.2 Have all the necessary major competencies been included?
 - 4.3 Should any of the Major Competencies be removed?
 - 4.4 Should any of the Major Competencies be modified?
5. The fourth Role in the Profile is the Role of Psychiatrist as Leader
 - 5.1 What are your comments about this Role and the Description that is given?
 - 5.2 Have all the necessary major competencies been included?
 - 5.3 Should any of the Major Competencies be removed?
 - 5.4 Should any of the Major Competencies be modified?
6. The fifth Role in the Profile is the Role of Psychiatrist as Health Advocate
 - 6.1 What are your comments about this Role and the Description that is given?
 - 6.2 Have all the necessary major competencies been included?
 - 6.3 Should any of the Major Competencies be removed?
 - 6.4 Should any of the Major Competencies be modified?
7. The sixth Role in the Profile is the Role of Psychiatrist as Scholar
 - 7.1 What are your comments about this Role and the Description that is given?
 - 7.2 Have all the necessary major competencies been included?
 - 7.3 Should any of the Major Competencies be removed?
 - 7.4 Should any of the Major Competencies be modified?
8. The seventh Role in the Profile is the Role of Psychiatrist as Professional
 - 8.1 What are your comments about this Role and the Description that is given?
 - 8.2 Have all the necessary major competencies been included?
 - 8.3 Should any of the Major Competencies be removed?

- 8.4 Should any of the Major Competencies be modified?
9. Have you any other comments about the Profile?
10. Have you any comments to make about being asked to give your views on the Profile of a Psychiatrist in the way (i.e. through this questionnaire)

Please send your responses to elen.cook@rcpsych.ac.uk by

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