

## Submission of FCP Roadmap evidence for the ePortfolio (supported) Route Clinical Pillar

The ePortfolio (supported) Route Operational Group has confirmed that applicants cannot rely on the evidence submitted for the FCP Roadmap alone to demonstrate the capabilities in the clinical pillar in the ePortfolio (supported) Route.

While the document "First Contact Practitioners and Advanced Practitioners in Primary Care: (Musculoskeletal) A Roadmap to Practice July 2021, p12 states that:

*"FCPs work at master's level (QAA level 7 see 1.4) in their clinical pillar of practice but have not yet reached an advanced level in all four pillars of practice to be verified at AP level across all four pillars."*

The FCP roadmap and ePortfolio (supported) route are two different processes with different expectations regarding the nature of the evidence presented. The FCP Roadmap was not designed to directly progress into the ePortfolio (supported) Route. Recognition as a First Contact Practitioner is different to recognition as an Advanced Practitioner.

Applicants on the ePortfolio (supported) Route can draw on the evidence used in the FCP roadmap as a starting point, for example the case studies, but the evidence must be developed further to show a more detailed, in-depth and critical evaluation drawing on relevant published research/reports where appropriate. By developing the evidence further, the applicant should be able to demonstrate the characteristics of masters level learning, a requirement that underpins the purpose of the ePortfolio (supported) Route to enable applicants to demonstrate that their educational and experiential preparation for advanced practice is equivalent to someone completing a Centre accredited Advanced Practice Masters programme.

It is advised that the applicant submits evidence that they have completed the FCP Roadmap with a reflection on how completing the roadmap has contributed to their preparation and practice at the advanced practitioner level.