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With regard to the recertification process.

I have concerns for those that may find it difficult to have appropriate process for recertification for a 12 month period, particularly women have children and those in retirement who want to remain registered, and those with serious illnesses that may mean they are struggling to keep a practice afloat for a year let alone keeping abreast with recertification.

1. Maternity leave can mean that it is very difficult to do the CPD, and recertification process and manage a building practice especially if the family is had quickly in succession which just has to happen sometimes.
2. Our specialty is quite dependent on locum services provided by our senior practitioners that might well retire and not want to be available to help cover maternity leave or serious sickness for other practitioners
3. A serious illness such treatment for a cancer can really make keeping a practice afloat a huge task but maintenance of recertification during this time could just be another difficulty.

I think of these considerations need to be taken into account on having the recertification process have significant emphasis on the 12 month period.

I understand the benefit of the process. I also believe there would be significant merit of practice visits. I am aware that orthopaedic surgeons visit practices in other areas of New Zealand to check how each complies. Doing this out of a practitioner's field of referral would be a useful addition for our area.

Kind regards Fiona

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