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The Society of British Neurological Surgeons

The Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland

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Dear Colleagues

Maintaining your performance: Dossier on Guidance on Continuing Professional Development for Surgeons

I am writing to bring the above document, which was released by the Senate of Surgery in November 2004, to your attention. It sets out the advice of the Senate of Surgery on the contemporary approach to CPD in order to assist surgeons in planning and recording their activities. The document can be found on www.senateofsurgery.org

Please note that guidance no longer incorporates the collection of numerical points or credits from performing activities contributing to CPD. Specifically, there is now no system of allocating, approving or verifying activities with arbitrary points.

Senate's view on guidance is known to the Continuing Professional Development Committee of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges. It is recognised that application of the guidance may be varied by international considerations, for example in the context of the Republic of Ireland or meetings with a large international attendance, which may be notified to the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Yours sincerely

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