



SDA Launches Voluntary Training Framework

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Dear Members,

We are pleased to launch the SDA Voluntary Training Framework as an alternative. Members are free to choose between the SDA Voluntary Training Framework or the SDC COC framework, or both. SDA's role is to provide this framework for our members and the profession.

Introducing the SDA Voluntary Training Framework

This framework provides practical tools to help document your professional development and clinical experience. It is entirely voluntary, has no quotas, and is designed as a supportive rather than a regulatory tool.

What the framework offers

Component	What it means for you
Clinical log template	Document your clinical experience. No minimum number of cases.
Training log template	Record your courses, workshops and structured learning.
Peer review system	A trusted colleague reviews your logs and provides a written attestation.
Entrustment scale and ARICH framework	Structured peer assessment covering Agency, Reliability, Integrity, Capability and Humility.

The peer review system, and why it matters

A course certificate reflects the training you attended. A peer review shows that someone with clinical experience has looked at your work and found it sound, safe and consistent with contemporary standards.

How it works:

1. You maintain a clinical log, voluntary and with no quotas.
2. You ask an experienced colleague to review it.
3. They provide a written attestation using our template.
4. You keep this as part of your professional portfolio.

It is collegial, constructive and credible, and it is how professionals have always learned from one another.

What the framework is not

- Not mandatory. It is entirely voluntary.
- No quotas. Record what you genuinely do, and do not change your practice for documentation.
- No pressure. Use what helps you and ignore what does not.
- Not a replacement for regulation. It is a member support tool.

What to do now

The clinical log, training log and peer review form will be available on the members' portal from Wednesday 5 August. Use some of them, all of them, or none of them. The choice is yours.

The framework is there to record work you are already doing. We hope you find it useful.

Yours in unity,

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