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Dear Practitioner,

As you are aware the three year cycle for the completion of a clinical audit or peer review by GDS practitioners was paused at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am writing to you, on behalf of the Clinical Audit and Peer Review Advisory Panel, to confirm that this pausing of the three year cycle will be extended to at least March 2021.

Clinical Audit and Peer Review has always provided a useful mechanism for practitioner learning and development and it has proved an incredibly valuable resource at this difficult time.

As such CAPRAP would encourage practitioners to engage particularly with Peer Review at this time as a complement to other forms of verifiable Continual Professional Development. CAPRAP have already reviewed a number of recent virtual Peer Reviews with positive outcomes for all of those involved. Peer Review will help to ensure that practitioners remain up to date, engaged and supported particularly those who are operating in increasing isolation.

Information in regards to the Clinical Audit and Peer Review process, including an advice sheet and application forms, is available at <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2335.htm>

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