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Dear Mr Edwards

Re: Regulations of eligibility to sit the Tri-collegiate Membership in Oral Surgery Examination (MOral Surg)

Thank you for your letter of 30th January 2018 further regarding the eligibility criteria to sit the MOral Surg Examination and lack of portfolio access at the current time.

BAOS are indeed mindful of the fact that work force planning and entry onto the Specialist Lists falls outside the remit of the Tri-Collegiate Executive – that is not what we respectfully asked the Executive to consider.

Rather, we asked for clarification as to how the decision was reached to continue to withhold portfolio entry for the MOral Surg Examination and also for an explanation as to why the Board feels it necessary to treat some Dental Specialities differently to others with regard to access to sitting their Specialist Examinations by portfolio entry.

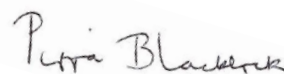
It is heartening to hear that the Executive is cognisant of the need to rationalise and harmonise all the Tri-Collegiate Specialty Membership Examinations to a degree of commonality; which extends not just to the structure and content of the examinations but also to eligibility criteria.

With this Executive aim in mind, we will continue to lobby for equality and transparency in the Tri-collegiate Examination processes and access for all appropriate individuals to be able to sit the MOral Surg Examination by portfolio entry.

Yours sincerely



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