



We've only just begun.....

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Pioneers....

“a person who begins or helps develop something new and prepares the way for others to follow”*Merriam Webster*





PA History

“If you do not know where you come from, then you don't know where you are, and if you don't know where you are, then you don't know where you're going. And if you don't know where you're going, you're probably going wrong.”

Terry Pratchett



PA Development (2003-2007)

- Employment of the First US PAs in the UK (03), (04)
- Medical Care Practitioner - PA Pilot Sites (04)
- **Development of the CCF (05) published (06)**
- **Establishment of UKAPA (05)**
- Establishment of the HEI Board (05)
- Scottish Pilot (06-08)
- **First sit of the PA National Exam (07)**
- **Establishment of the UKIUBPAE (08)**

Tricky Times (2008-2011)

- **First PA Programmes (07/08)**
- Programmes opening and closing (11/12)
- Establishment of the **PA Managed Voluntary Register (Nov 10)**



Progress (2012-2017)

- **Assistant to Associate (2013)**
- **First sit of the UK National Re-cert Exam (March 2014)**
- **Faculty of PAs Established (July 2015)**
- HEE working group established for Medical Associate Professionals (MAP) 2016
- **Consultation on Regulation (2017)**

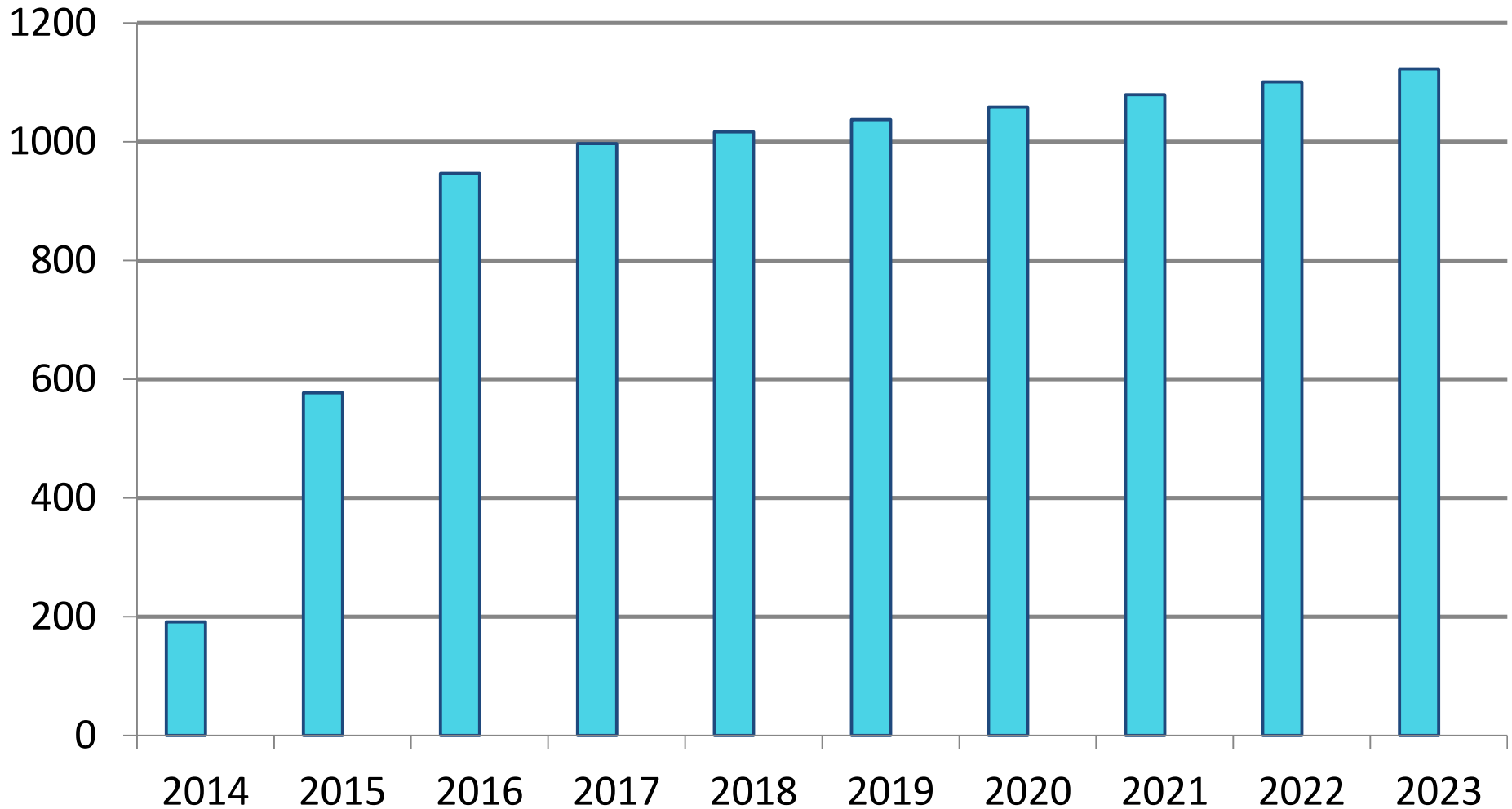




2018 and Beyond

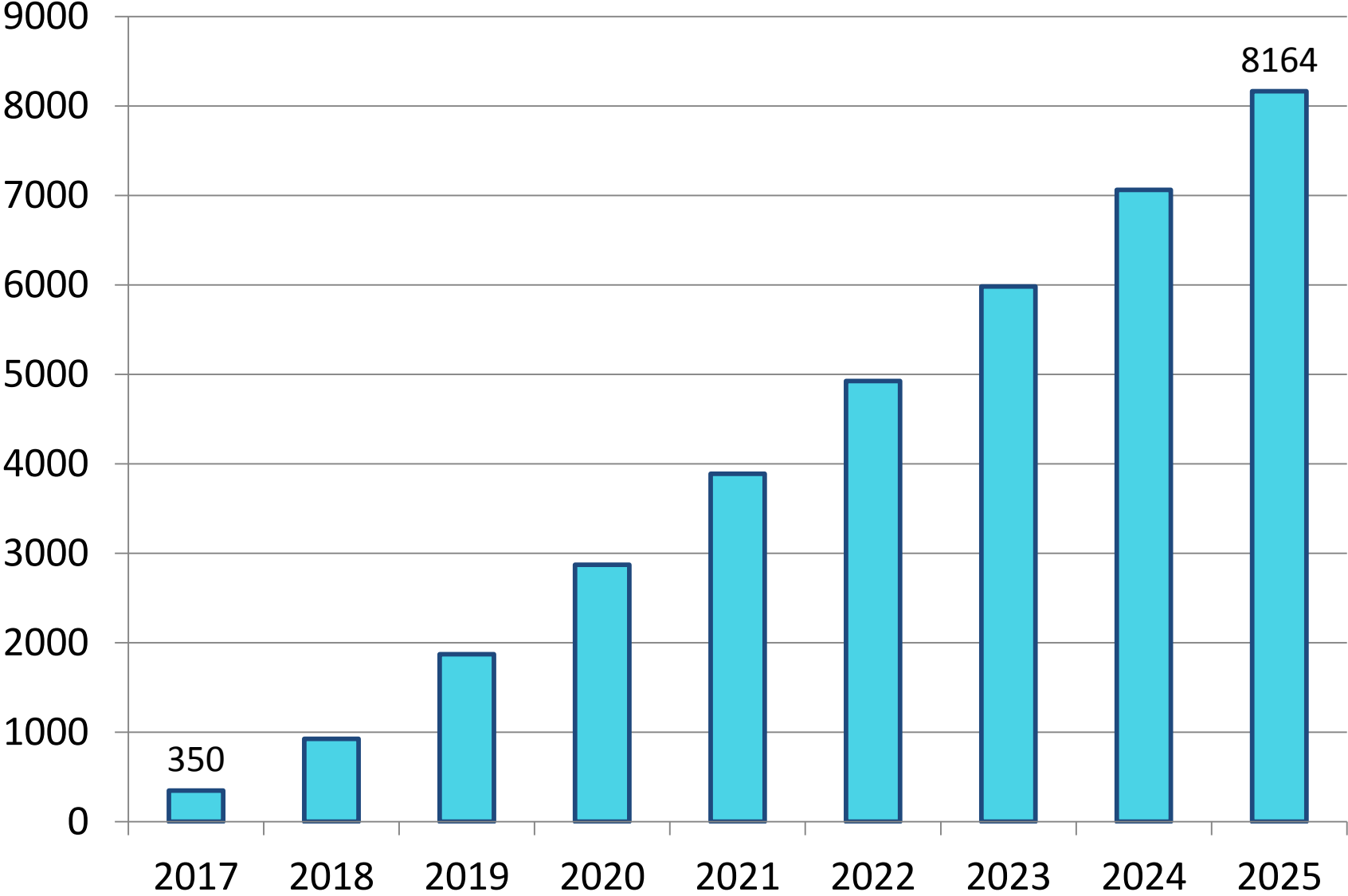
- Response on Government Consultation re: Regulation
- Prescribing rights for PAs
- Accreditation of University Programmes
- Apprenticeship Standard
- National JD & Career Development

1st YEAR UK PA STUDENT NUMBERS



2014-2017 Data from Health Education England: Physician Associate Training Providers - Course and Incoming Student Data Survey with 2% annual growth projected 2018-2023

Total Projected Registered PAs by Year



Based on cumulative projected PA Student numbers

A Physician Associate's tale.....

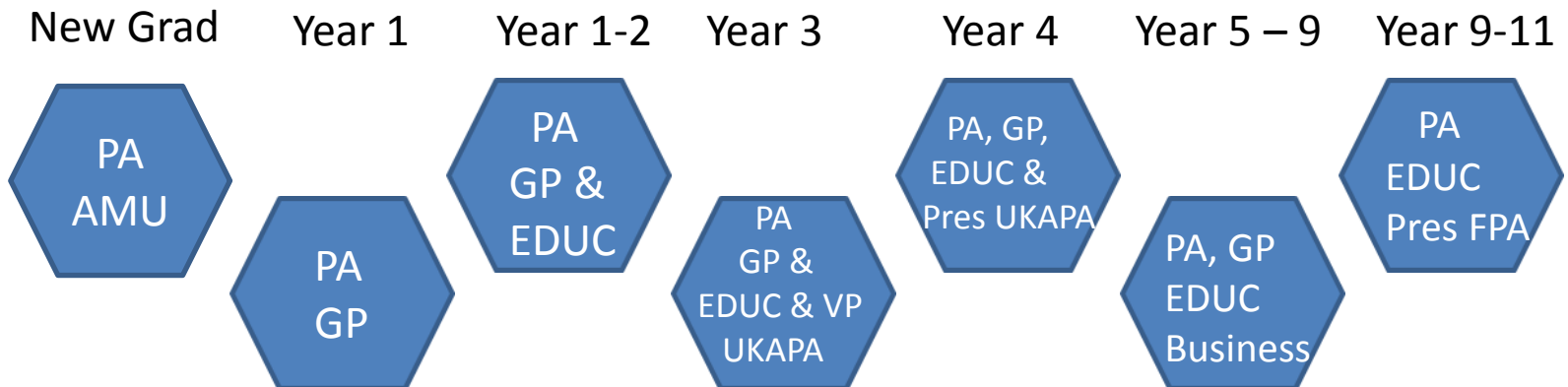
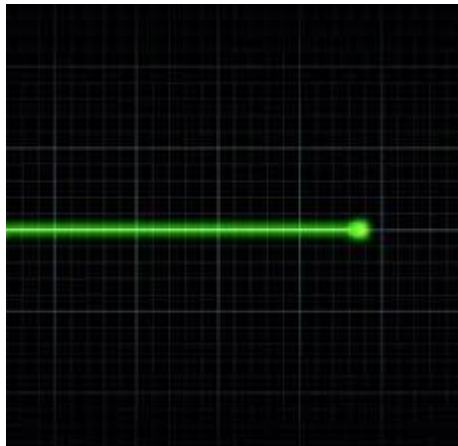
- Pre-PA



- Physician Associate



PA Career Progression

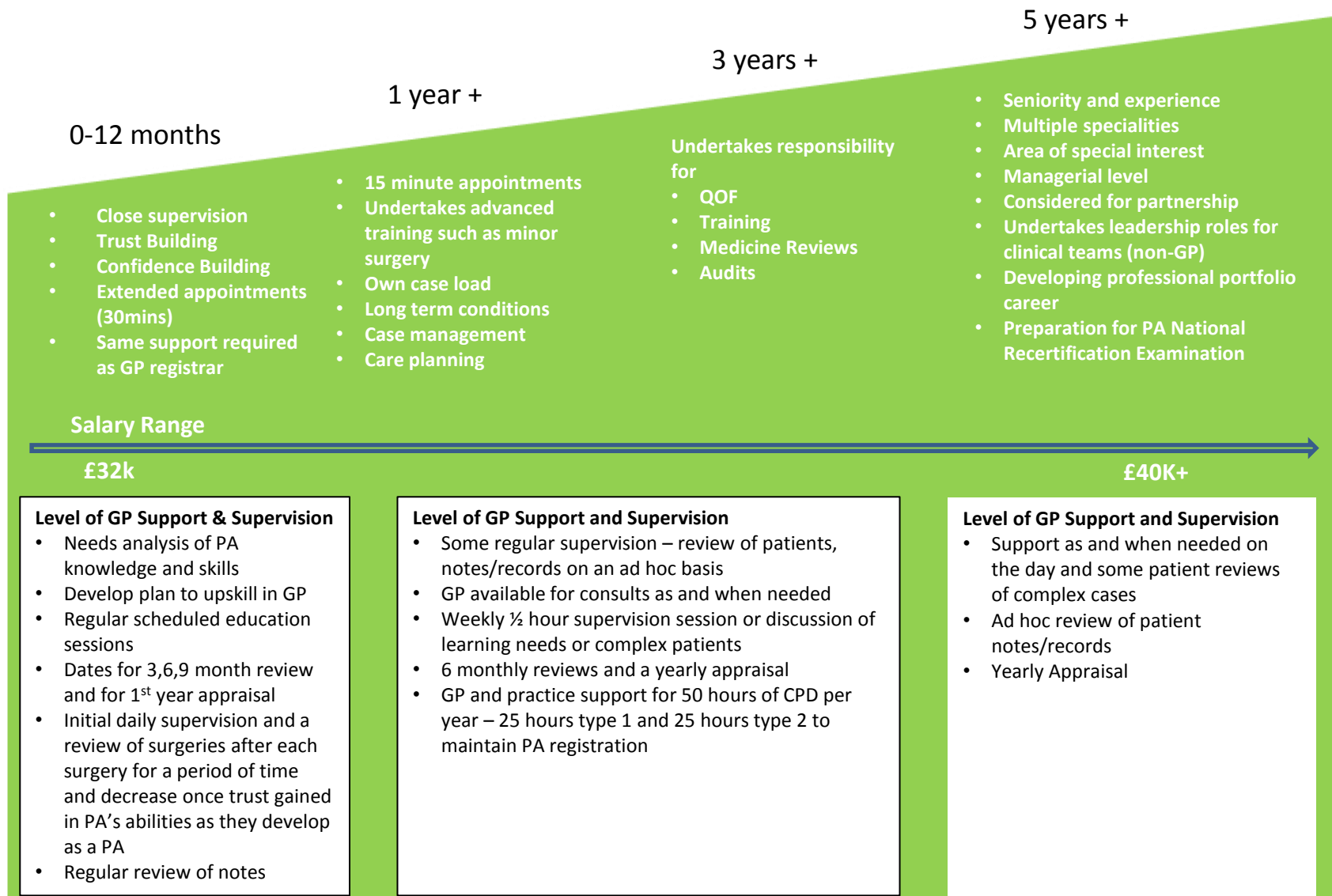


Career Structure and Development Guidance for General Practice

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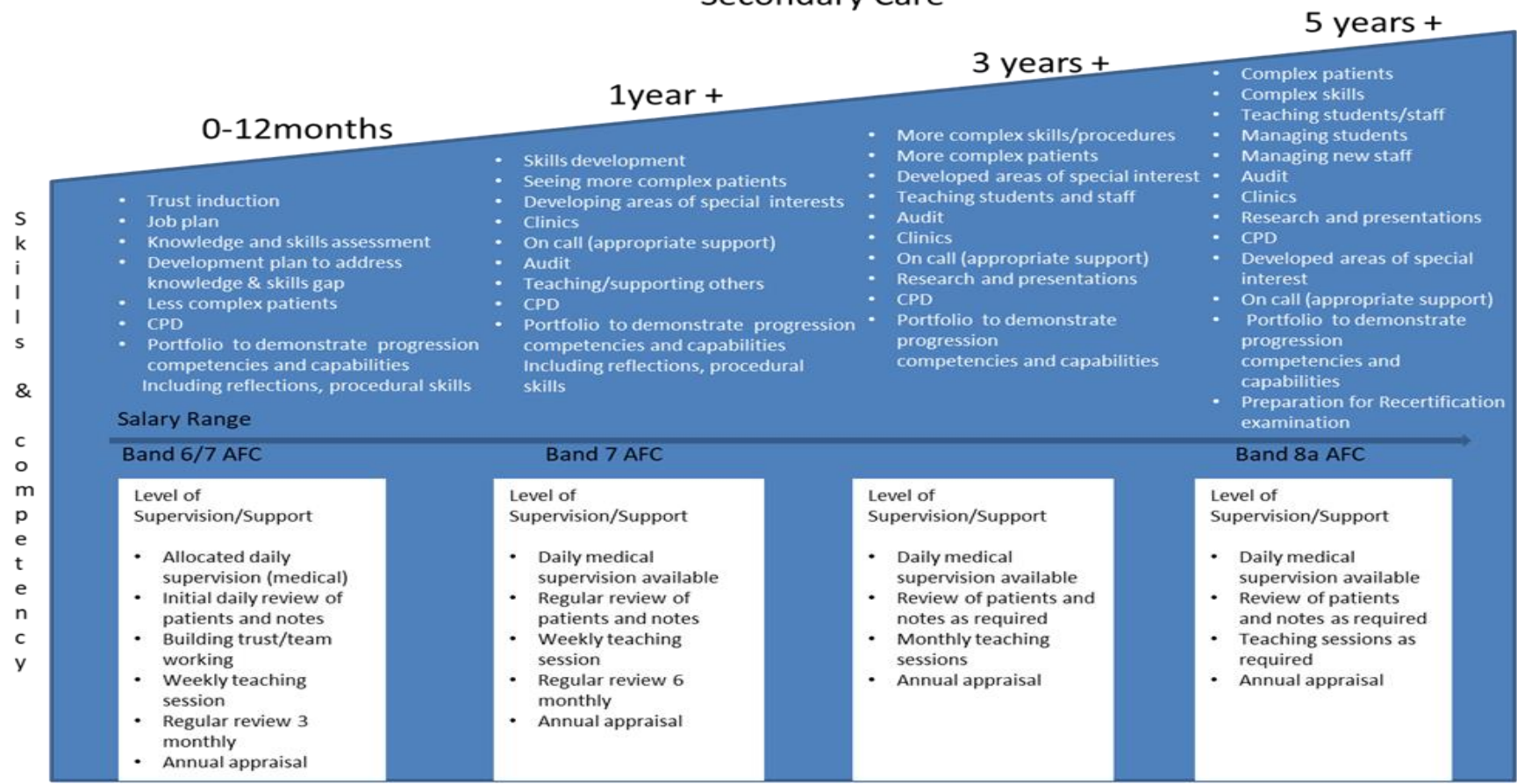
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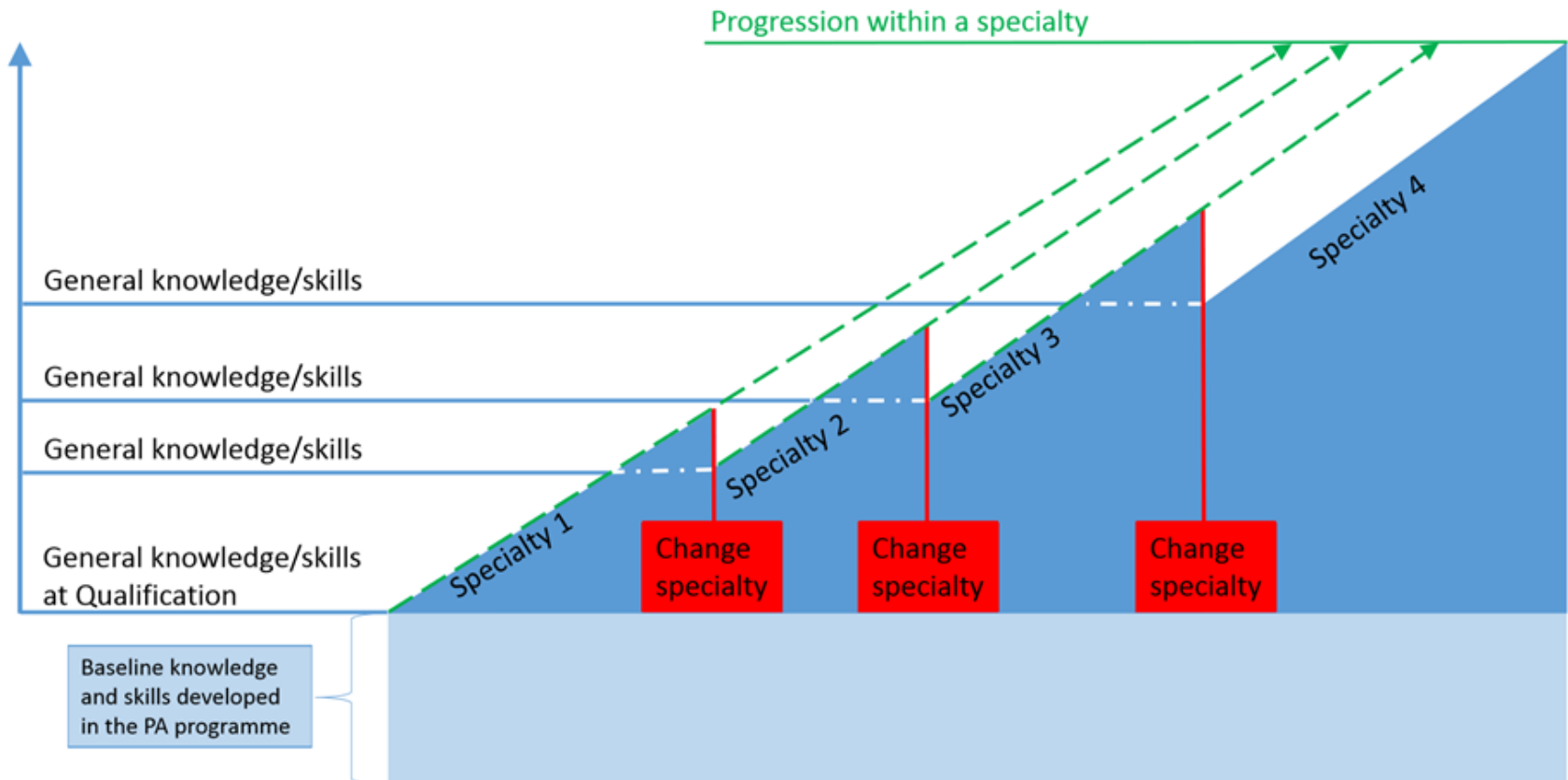


Career Structure & Development

Guidance on Career Development and Support for the Physician Associate in Secondary Care

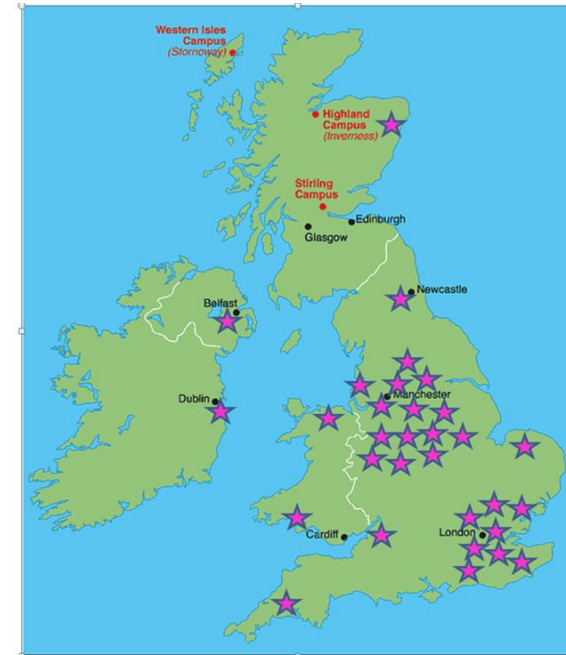


Changing Specialty Career Support



National Update Re: PAs in the UK

- ✓ 31 programmes across the 4 countries
- ✓ No of students: 852(register)
- ✓ No of qualified PAs: 571 (register)
- ✓ Regulation
- ✓ Accreditation
- ✓ Apprenticeship Standard
- ✓ Career Development Framework





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Purpose of the FPA

- Set standards for the profession – quality patient care
- Provide professional support to PAs across the UK
- Raise the profile of the profession
- Lobby Government, partake in national debates, work with key stakeholders

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Work streams

- Professional Standards
- Examinations
- Education
- Research and Development



Top tips for students

It's your journey

Be clear about what you need to achieve

Get stuck in

Use every opportunity

Have a plan

Speak to other students and PAs

Be gritty

The Future & Opportunities for You

Looking bright.....

Regulation, prescribing authority and ionising radiation

Increase in PA numbers and programmes

Clinical

Education

Research

Primary, secondary care and private sector



SOME PEOPLE **WANT**
IT TO HAPPEN, **SOME**
WISH IT WOULD
HAPPEN, **OTHERS**
MAKE IT HAPPEN.



Questions

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