Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved: Deborah Gill on behalf of MSD Graduate School Committee (12/07/2016)

Title of Programme: Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division

Brief note about nature of change: Amending one sentence to address the new Divisional requirement that candidates applying for confirmation of status complete a Training Needs Analysis.

Effective date
- For students starting from 1 October 2016

Location of change
Examination Regulations 2015-16, (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/rditmedisciedivi/) Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division, 6. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF STUDENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Detail of change

1. In Examination Regulations 2015-16, (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/rditmedisciedivi/) Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division, 6. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF STUDENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, citation reference 1.23, amend the clause as follows:

Candidates should submit the statement from the supervisor and the statement from the candidate’s society as specified by the regulations governing the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Candidates must include a statement completed Training Needs Analysis detailing the skills training that they have undertaken. This paperwork should be accompanied by a full contents list for the thesis, and include the milestones of any remaining work to be undertaken, and dates for the submission of draft chapters to the supervisor(s) for comment.

Explanatory Notes
In light of the growing desire from various parties, including RCUK, VITAE and the
University Skills Group, for students to assess their training needs and map their development against a series of defined qualities, it was agreed by the Medical Sciences GSC (30/04/15), on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board, that PGR students, in consultation with their supervisors:

- be required to complete a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) form during Term 1 and again as part of their Transfer and Confirmation of Status.

- be recommended to complete a TNA at least once a year.

To conclude, research students who commence a course of study from 1 October 2016 will be required to complete a TNA during Term 1, as part of their Transfer of Status, and as part of their Confirmation of Status.