# How to reflect in appraisals BHH GP/LUNCHTIME EDUCATIONAL LECTURES

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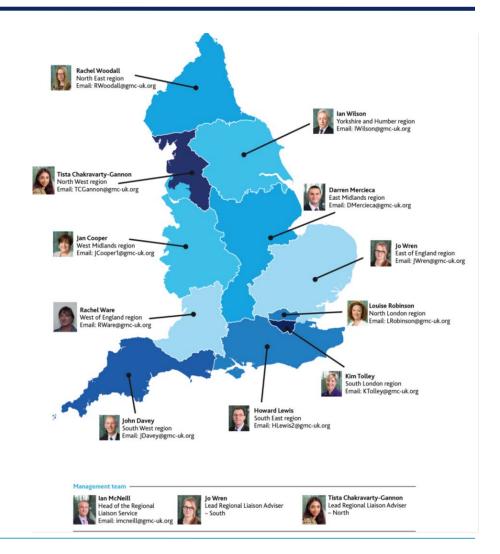
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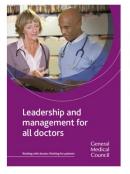
Helping to promote understanding and meet the needs of our partners



#### Our standards















#### What this session will cover...

Definitions and purpose of reflection

Why reflection is important

How to improve reflection in appraisals

 New DVLA guidance and feedback on proposed changes to revalidation information

### Reflection – where in the GMC guidance



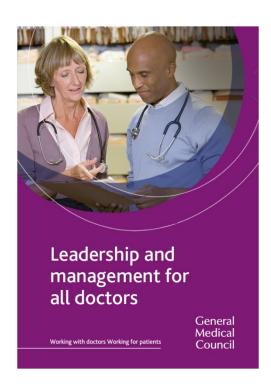
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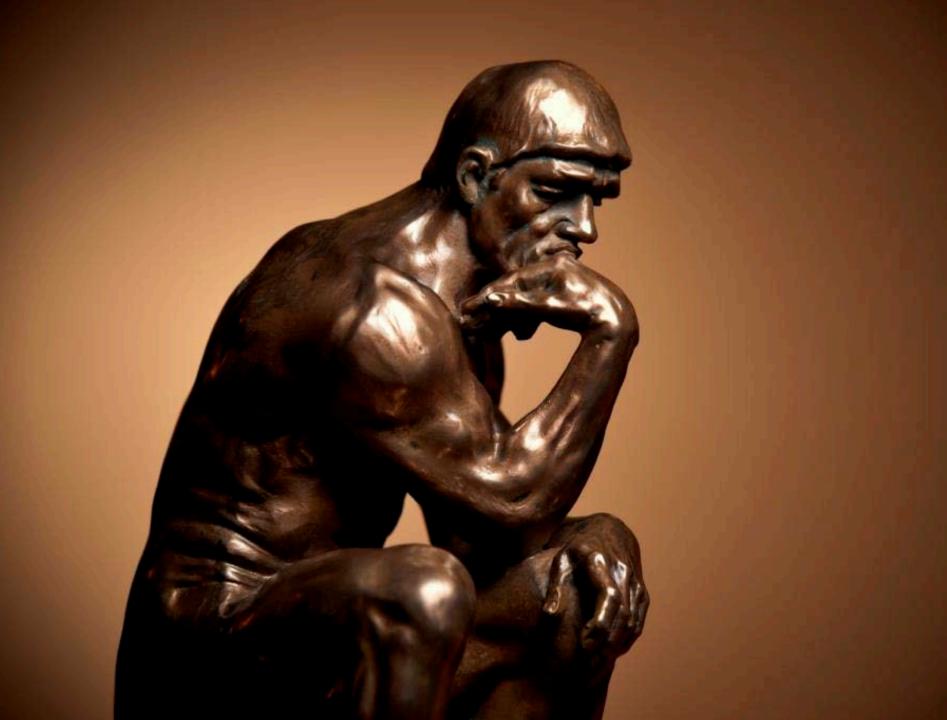
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#### Reflection

- Key to appraisal and revalidation process
- Related to:
  - Personal practice and approach to medicine
  - Supporting information what does it say about your practice?
  - Identification of areas for improvement/further development
  - Demonstrate that you are up to date and fit to practise



#### Reflection defined

Reflection has many different definitions, but all describe a process of seeking an understanding of self or situations to inform future action.

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#### Reflection defined

 "Those intellectual and affective activities in which individuals engage to explore their experiences in order to lead to new understandings and appreciations" Bould, Keogh and Walker (1985)

"Guided reflection is a process of self enquiry to enable the practitioner to realise desirable and effective practice" Johns (2010)

## Why do it?

- To learn from experience
- To integrate personal beliefs into the context of professional culture
- To link new and existing knowledge.

#### Why do it?

The process of reflection is the core difference between whether a person repeats the same experience several times becoming highly proficient at one behaviour, or learns from the experience in such a way that he or she is cognitively challenged (Boyd and Fales 1983)



#### Types of reflection

Reflection in Action
 'thinking whilst doing'



Reflection on Action
 Retrospective, flexible in analysing information gained so developing skills and knowledge for future practice

## Types of knowledge (Schon 1983)

#### Technical/Rational

- emphasis on competence and certainty
- anatomy and physiology would be a good example

## Professional Artistry

 guides experts in their practice but is not tangible – tends to focus on dilemmas and uncertainties in practice



**UPLANDS?** 

# SWAMPS?



#### Specialist skills?



- 'Part of the skill of a good specialist is the ability to make good judgements at times of greatest uncertainty' Hillier and Bee Wee (2001)
- How do we 'untap' or measure this skill?

#### Intuitive knowledge

- Comes from past experiences
- A key aspect is salience an awareness of something before there is a reason to know Why (Dreyfus and Dreyfus 1988)
- Reflection provides a mean to 'untap' this knowledge

## How to improve reflection in appraisals?



#### Methods of reflection



# The strands of reflection

- 1. The Factual Strand
- Setting the scene
- Telling the story
- Pinpointing the critical incidents

- 2. The Retrospective Strand
- Looking back over the entire events
- Seeing patterns and meanings



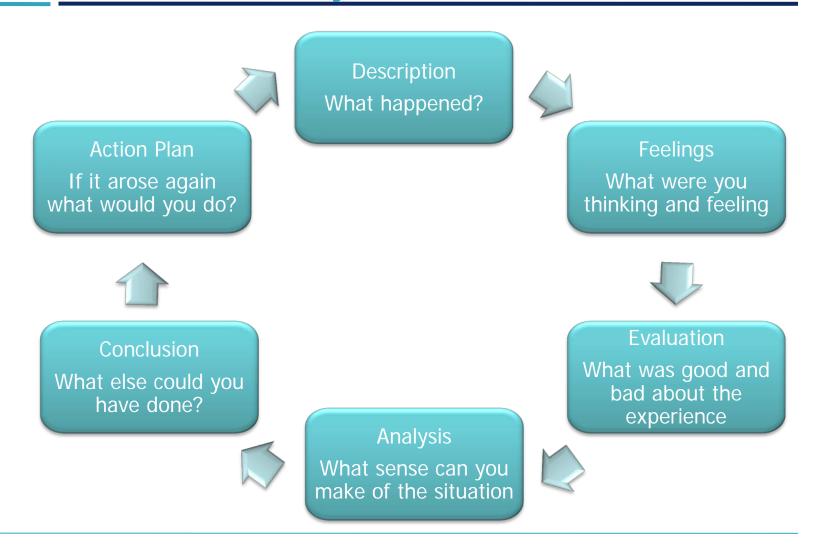
# The strands of reflection

- 3. The Sub-Stratum Strand
- Discovering, exploring assumptions, beliefs and value statements that underlie the event

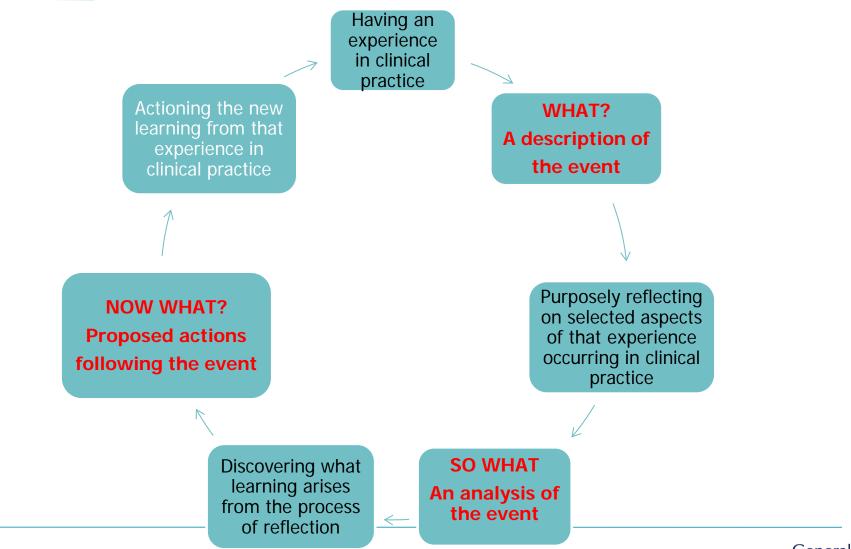
- 4. The Connective Strand
- Considering how present theory and practice might relate to future theory and practice

Fish (1990)

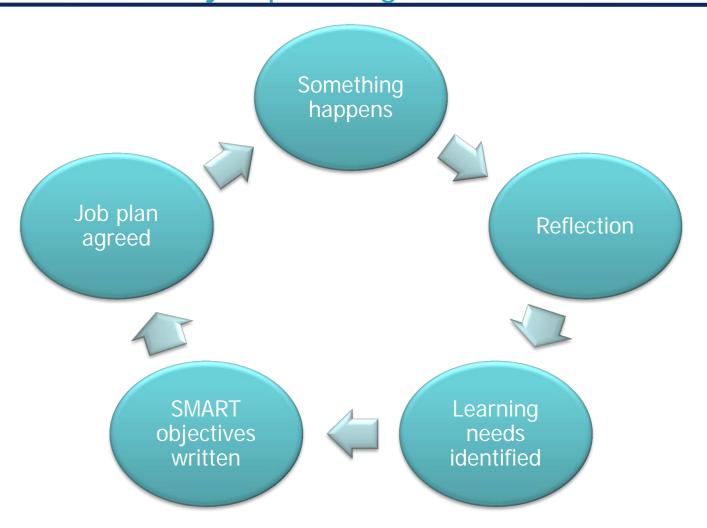
#### Gibbs Reflective Cycle



# The what? model (Driscoll 2000)



## Reflection and job planning



# Practising reflection



#### Some examples



#### Methods of Reflection

PUNs - Patient's

**Unmet** 

Needs

DENs - Doctor's

Educational

Needs

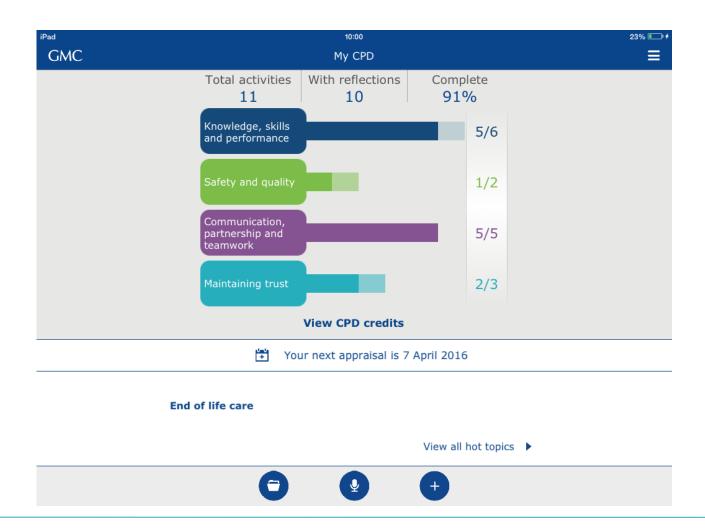
Identify how the DENs can be met

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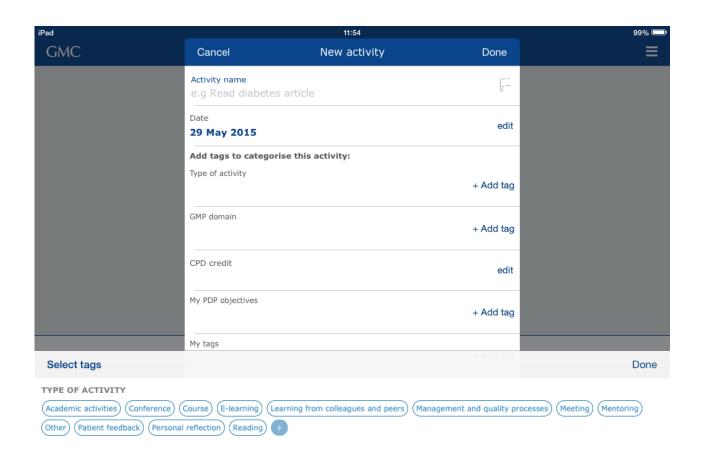
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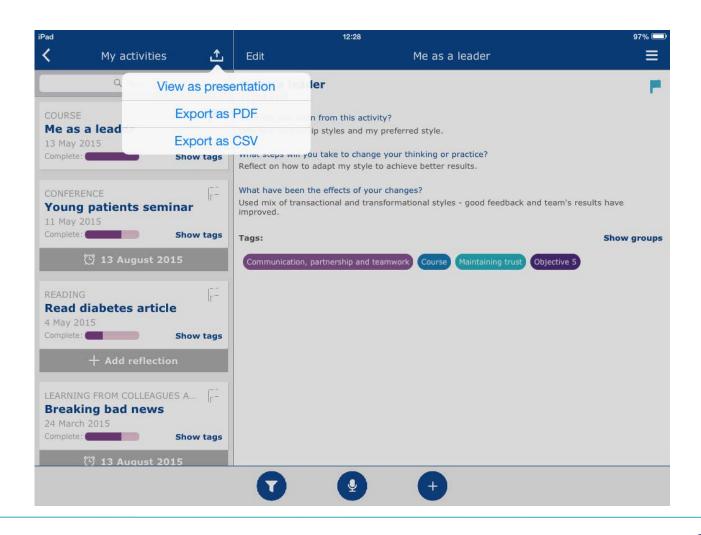
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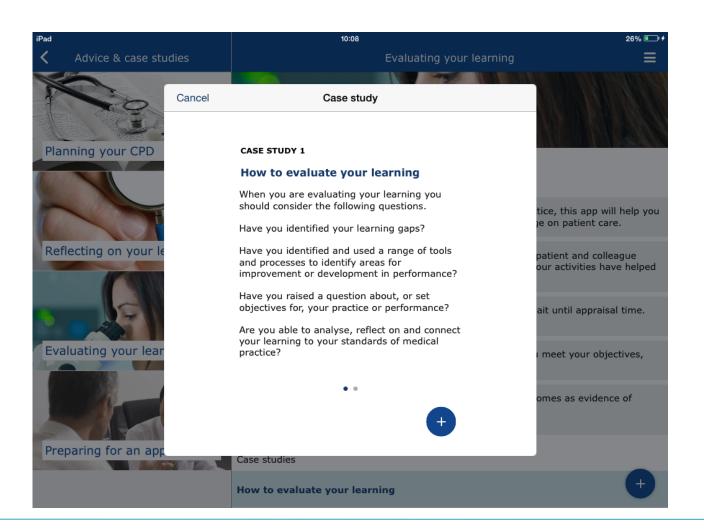
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#### Example of a case study



## Questions



## Key take away messages





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