

5. Could we adjust the length of the CRLs and RSPAs, in terms of word length, so these could still be achieved under the pressures we are facing? This would then enable the support to NQSWs to continue to progress.

We understand that there is increased pressure on all services at this time. We would therefore advise that the focus of the Critical Reflection Log (CRL) and the Record of Support and Progressive Assessment (RSPA) should be on quality rather than word count. The impact of this approach on the quality of ASYE portfolios can then be monitored through moderation, once this is up and running again, and any findings will be fed into the upcoming review of the ASYE.

6. What is the impact on the ASYE programme if they are required to pause their ASYE?

As an example, those who qualified in summer 2018, started their ASYE in summer 2019, are now 6 months into their ASYE, but are pausing for 6 months (due to COVID-19) - meaning they would not be able to complete their ASYE for a further 1 year.

Any deferrals at this time due to the impact of COVID-19 are legitimate deferrals