

Portfolio Pathway specialty choice worksheet

Use this before opening your GMC application. The aim is to compare the specialty you think you want with the specialty your current evidence actually supports.

Page 1 - Specialty fit self-check

<p>Likely specialty A Name of specialty:</p> <p>Current role title:</p> <p>Current main duties:</p>	<p>Likely specialty B Name of specialty:</p> <p>Current role title:</p> <p>Current main duties:</p>
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1. Does the specialty describe your real Consultant-level practice?

- My current work covers the broad clinical scope expected in the SSG.
- I can show recent evidence across inpatient, outpatient, procedural, diagnostic, MDT or governance areas relevant to this specialty.
- My work is not limited to a narrow interest that the SSG treats as only one part of the specialty.
- My strongest referees can comment on the full specialty, not just one niche.

2. Evidence gap type

Gap found in SSG	Documentation gap	Supervision gap	Experience gap

Page 2 - SSG reading and decision plan

Read each candidate SSG three times: once for the shape of the specialty, once for current evidence, and once for what your department needs to help you gather.

SSG section	What it asks for	My best evidence	Action needed
Intro and recency			
Clinical outcomes or CiPs			
Procedures, cases or logs			
Audit, QI and safety			
Teaching, leadership, CPD			
Referees and structured reports			

Final decision

Decision question	Answer
Which specialty has the strongest recent evidence?	
Which specialty has the fewest experience gaps?	
Which specialty do my strongest referees support?	
Which specialty best matches the NHS Consultant posts I want?	
Decision: proceed, pause, or seek advice?	

Rule of thumb: if your biggest gaps are documentation gaps, you may be close. If they are supervision gaps, you need a plan. If they are experience gaps, you may need a different specialty choice or a different job plan before submitting.