



Ag Rialáil Gairmithe Sláinte
agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh

Regulating Health +
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The Speech and Language Therapist Registration Board Continuing Professional Development (CPD) audit will continue as planned in November 2020. CORU understands that due to significant additional workload, arising due to COVID-19, some registrants may be concerned about keeping up with and recording their CPD. For registrants their Boards' Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics will continue to guide and assist them in keeping their knowledge and skills up to date.

Registrants are reminded that new or enhanced learning can occur in practice and is not limited to formal structured learning activities. CORU's CPD model is flexible ensuring that regardless of practice context registrants can demonstrate how they meet their Board's requirements. The self-directed CPD model we employ allows registrants to include any learning that may support them in their professional role, including learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It should also be pointed out that we do have a deferral process for CPD audits. Our deferral process makes sure, as far as possible, that although we are fair to those who cannot submit their CPD profiles; we are still maintaining our standards and being fair to those who are audited. We recognise that it may not always be possible for registrants to provide a CPD record for audit due to personal circumstance and this may be applicable to registrants making extensive efforts during the current crisis. **Those granted deferral by their Registration Board will automatically be selected in the next audit.**

Registrants should refer to the CPD Guidance and CPD Support issued by their Registration Board. The CORU staff will continue to answer any queries that you may have in regards to CPD and/or deferral, please email cpd@coru.ie