Means of assessing learning needs include:

- Competence rating scales
- PUNs and DENs
- Problem case analysis
- Significant case analysis
- Feedback from patients, peers and other staff (multisource feedback)
- Appraisal
- Multi-source (360 degree) feedback
- Joint surgeries
- Audit
- Reflection on referral patterns
- MCQs
- Discussion / mentoring with colleague
- Reference to the RCGP curriculum
- Awareness of areas in which there are new NICE guidelines
- Awareness of competence / service lacking in the practice
- Reflection on learning prompting additional learning