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Part	Number	Criteria	Score	Comments
A		At least 1 of invasive procedures, clinical intervention with potential for harm, exercise of judgement by unsupervised professionals	Met	The profession meets the criterion: performing clinical interventions that can harm and exercising professional judgment
B	1	Discrete area of activity displaying some homogeneity	Failed to meet	
B	2	Defined body of knowledge	Failed to meet	There is insufficient evidence to meet the criterion.
B	3	Evidence of efficacy	Met	The practice of the applicant occupation is evidence-based
B	4	At least 1 established professional body a/c for significant proportion of occupation	Partly met	The VRCT Register was opened in August 2000.
B	5	Voluntary register(s)	Met	A voluntary register opened in August 2000
B	6	Defined routes of entry to the profession	Partly met	There are defined routes of entry to the profession but no evidence that all are adequately externally quality assured.
B	7	Independently assessed entry qualifications	Partly met	This exists for the academic qualifications with the training component being assessed by the IPEM
B	8	Conduct, performance and ethics standards	Met	These standards are in place.
B	9	Disciplinary procedures to enforce those standards	Met	The VRCT has structures and procedures in place to enforce its standards
B	10	Commitment to continuous professional development (CPD)	Met	There is commitment to CPD but VRCT does not operate its own scheme.
Overall		The applicant occupation presents a moderate case for regulation. The recommendation is that the applicant occupation should be regulated but Council must determine which part pf the Register members would be entered onto. There are several letters of support from a number of the Royal Colleges (Physicians, Surgeons of England, Nursing & Radiologists), other professional Bodies e.g. RCCP, the Institution of Incorporated Engineers, ART amongst others. A number of organisations/individuals felt unable to support the application at this stage.		