

**Health Professions Council
Communications Committee 24th May 2007**

**Reports from Communications Committee Public Patient Involvement
(PPI) Representative**

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The attached feedback forms have been received from Christine Farrell, reporting back from meetings at which she has represented HPC and the Communications Committee regarding Public Patient Involvement.

Decision

The Committee is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

Copies of feedback forms

Date of paper

10 May 2007

FEEDBACK SHEET TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MEETING

Name of Council Member	Christine Farrell
Title of Conference/Meeting	
Date of Conference	16 April 2007
Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting	22 approx
<p>Issues of Relevance to HPC. Directly relevant to HPC's own PPI strategy.</p> <p>Much of the meeting was taken up with discussions about how this group might contribute to regulatory thinking about the recommendations from the Whiye Paper on regulation. It began with statements from each of the regulators with details of PPI activities already undertaken or in discussion-post White Paper. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification of specific issues to which the PPI group could contribute (GMC); • A positive approach to ways in which every project undertaken could include principles of PPI and consideration of the most effective way of involving the public (GCC); • Use of a bottom-up approach to projects and development of policies (GSCC); • The identification of themes e.g. revalidation, ftp, the register (GOC); • The need for the PPP group to 'cross fertilise' thinking where relevant and the need to find common mechanisms for work across regulators; • Audit work on existing PPI activities and development of strategies last year's decision to appoint a dedicated part-time post for PPI work. Now feel that the CHRE group should identify broad principles for further work (RPSG); • Discussion of the PPI continuum. Now at the audit stage (HPC). <p>It was agreed that the group a) should continue with the work in hand b) suggest areas of work in PPI that could feed into the CHRE post White Paper discussions and c) think more carefully about the nature and extent of the Group's own strategies and projects. One suggestion was that 'accessibility' was a key question for CHRE and all regulators. Another was the need find mechanisms to ensure consistency across regulators.</p> <p>A decision was taken to write to all CEO's asking for suggestions about the contribution/projects the group may make to regulator's PPI work.</p> <p>The minutes will record the more detailed points about the workplan and future projects.</p> <p>In some ways this was a useful meeting because it demonstrated how other regulators are approaching PPI and the contribution the group might make to the White Paper working rroups. On the other hand, it also demonstrated the different stages of development and approaches to PPI amongst the regulators. More concerted efforts are needed to focus the group's thinking about the future.</p>	

Key Decisions Taken

See above