

## **REGULATION OF NEW PROFESSIONS BY HPC**

Article 3 (17) of the Health Professions Order 2001 requires the HPC to make recommendations to the Secretary of State concerning any profession which in its opinion should be regulated. The HPC must also give guidance on the criteria to be taken into account in determining whether a profession should be regulated.

An application form and guidance notes are therefore being drafted by the Executive for use by professions seeking to be regulated by the HPC. This will be presented to the Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2003 for review and approval.

It is anticipated that the Operating Department Practitioners and the Psychologists professions will seek regulation by the HPC soon after the Rules are approved by the Privy Council. To aid the process meetings have been arranged with the professions on 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2003.

At the meetings the draft application form and guidance notes will be reviewed to test their suitability.

To facilitate the process a senior member of the HPC Executive will be nominated to guide each profession through the application process.

In addition, the Council is requested to nominate one of its members to act as a mentor for each new applicant profession. Prof. Diane Waller has volunteered to act as a mentor for the Psychologists. Similarly, a Council member is sought to assist the Operating Department Practitioners.

### **The Council is requested to:**

- **Approve the process outlined above**
- **Nominate a Council member to act as mentor for the Operating Department Practitioners.**