**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

Professional Liaison Group: Standards of Education and Training guidance for education providers

**Introduction**
The Council agreed to set up a professional liaison group to consider curriculum guidance, which Eileen Thornton would chair. Having received nominations from a number of Council members, the group met for the first time in March, then held a meeting with representatives from the professional bodies in April.

At its first meeting, the PLG agreed to a change in name for the group, and a change in workplan.

The PLG agreed that the term 'curriculum guidance' was potentially misleading, since it was not the Council's desire to write curricula, nor was it in the Council's power. They also noted that many professional bodies were involved in writing detailed curriculum outlines or frameworks, and they did not wish to duplicate this work.

They reviewed the commitments made in the key decisions document issued after the Standards of Education and Training and approvals process consultation, and noted that their commitments were largely to provide further guidance on the Standards of Education, and further information on processes. They considered that information on processes could be covered by the forthcoming 'Approvals handbook' document that was being drafted. They also considered that a clearer name for what they would produce (and hence for their group) would be 'Standards of Education and Training guidance for education providers'.

This paper is therefore to update the Council on the group's progress.

The professional body representatives have been asked to submit ideas from their organisation, and to highlight possible cross-references to documentation of their own. This, plus the notes from the discussion meeting, will be fed into a first draft, which will be circulated to PLG members, and to professional bodies, for comments. This will then lead to a second draft of guidance, which, after being agreed by the PLG, will be taken to Council.

**Decision**
The Council is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

**Background information**
None.

**Resource implications**
None.

**Financial implications**
None.

**Background papers**
The original paper which the Council agreed in order to set up the PLG can be found on the HPC website here:
[www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/1000067Ecouncil_meeting_20041207_enclosure16.pdf](www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/1000067Ecouncil_meeting_20041207_enclosure16.pdf)

The minutes of the PLG meeting on 11th March are agenda item 19.
The minutes of the PLG meeting on 24th March are agenda item 20.

**Appendices**
None.

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