
Council meeting Thursday 10 December 2009

HPC representatives on external bodies

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

HPC is represented on a number of external bodies by Council and Committee members. Following the restructuring, there are a number of vacancies on external bodies to be filled. A strategic review of these positions is planned for the spring of 2010.

The process agreed by the Council for appointing members to external bodies requires the appropriate statutory committee to submit nominations to the Council for approval. The Education and Training Committee has made recommendations for members to serve on the following bodies until such time as the review has been carried out.

Decision

The Council is invited to approve the following appointments:

1. Annie Turner to the Advisory Board for Higher Education Academy Learning & Teaching in Health
2. Jois Stansfield to the scoping project board to reform Nursing Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals education programmes in Scotland
3. Jeff Seneviratne to the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care
4. John Donaghy to the Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee
5. Stephen Wordsworth to the Intraoperative Cell Salvage Strategy Group

Background information

Membership of External Groups (Council paper) 6 October 2004

Financial implications

Appointments may incur expenses to be included within Committee budgets.

Appendices

Terms of reference and information on external groups outlined above

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1. **Advisory Board for Higher Education Academy Learning & Teaching In Health (HEALTH)**

The Board meets three times a year in various UK locations

Terms of reference:

- Advice and support to the HEALTH Network Group Directors and team
- Acting as the first point of subject accountability for the HEALTH Network Group
- Advising on the development of the federal HEALTH Network Group
- Advising on the HEALTH Network Group development of its strategic and operational plan and progress
- Advising the HEALTH Network Group on strategies to support and enhance student learning in both academic and practice contexts
- Advising the HEALTH Network Group on policy issues that may impact upon the students' learning experience with a view to influencing future strategic direction and approaches
- Receiving reports on current activity, annual reports and monitoring information
- Reviewing budgets and spending
- Championing the work of the HEALTH Network Group constituencies and bringing feedback from these
- When necessary, and jointly with the host institution and Academy's Director of Networks, appointment of the centre Director
- Liaison with the Higher Education Academy Senior Executive Group (York) and advice to Academy on subject related matters
- Annual evaluation of the HEALTH Network Group work, including receiving the report from the external evaluator

2. **Scoping project board to reform Nursing Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals education programmes in Scotland**

HPC has been approached by the project lead of a major scoping project in Scotland to reform their Nursing Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals education programmes based on the idea of a common core curriculum. This is a two-year project on behalf of Universities Scotland (funded by Scottish Funding Council and NHS Education for Scotland) and is currently being run in close liaison with Glasgow Caledonian, Queen Margaret and Robert Gordon Universities. The aim is to develop an educational proposal to maximise safety,

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flexibility, transferability and employability.

The project has various components and wishes to involve key stakeholders to explore the implications of their potential approach for patients, students, practitioners, employers, professional bodies and regulators. The Director of Education has met the project lead, Dr Stuart Cable, to get an idea of the scope of the project and discussed the proposal with the Chairman of HPC's Education and Training Committee.

The Chairman recommended that HPC participate in the project to help ensure that any developments fit with HPC's standards and processes, but also to increase the Committee's awareness of educational developments in the home countries. The Director of Education also represents HPC on this body.

3. Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care.

The Board meets once a month in various UK locations

Established in 2001, the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care (ISB) provides assurance of Information Standards for the NHS and working with other agencies. ISB is one of the advisory boards reporting to the NHS National Programme for IT Board. It is independent in its function and draws its voting members from a broad cross section of stakeholder groups (see Key Contacts for a present list of members together with their constituencies). To undertake its assurance role, ISB has the support of over 35 appraisers (called *Reference Group Members*), who have extensive healthcare and information standards experience across clinical, management, technical, public health and social care domains. *Domain Leads* for each of these areas are seconded to ISB part-time, providing leadership to reference group members and in standards assurance whilst maintaining their healthcare experience.

Developers of Information Standards in the NHS and Social Care and beyond interact with ISB through a full time team in a continuous assurance process as they develop iterations of their Standard prior to formal assessment.

4. Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee

Committee meets three times per year, usually in Nottingham. The provisional representative is John Donaghy.

Its role is to provide robust clinical speciality advice to ambulance services. It is the production of its regularly updated UK Ambulance Service Clinical Practice Guidelines for which JRCALC is most well-known. JRCALC is and always has been a busy focus for clinical matters of ambulance relevance from a wide

variety of sources. Working closely alongside the Directors of Clinical Care of all UK ambulance services, local Ambulance Paramedic Steering Committees, the British Paramedic Association and other interested groups it effectively fulfils the liaison role of its title.

The main Committee now has over forty representatives nominated by their respective specialties/Colleges, and observers drawn from a wide spread of medical and associated professions. It meets three times a year at the Royal College of Anaesthetists in London and participates in an annual conference in the Autumn. The Guidelines are produced by the JRCALC Guideline Development Group (JRCALC-GDG) hosted by the University of Warwick and comprises over 100 members representing all ambulance services in the UK ; members also include representatives from the Royal Colleges, speciality experts and stakeholders.

5. Intraoperative Cell Salvage - Strategy Group

Short term group - 3 meetings remaining

The group has asked for HPC to put forward the Operating Department Practitioner Member. Provisional representative is Stephen Wordsworth.

Four National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Intraoperative Cell Salvage were developed in 2004 and revised in 2007. The UK Cell Salvage Action Group approached Skills for Health to review these four NOS as they are currently not fit for purpose for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units in qualifications.

This project will aim to review and revise the four National Occupational Standards for Intraoperative Cell Salvage in consultation with a Reference Group set up with the UK Cell Salvage Action Group and Skills for Health.