

Health Professions Council – 11 February 2010

Actions list

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Attached is the actions list as agreed at the last public meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2009.

Decision

The Council is requested to note the action. No decision is required.

Background information

Public Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 December 2009.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None

Date of paper

29 January 2010

Actions - Health Professions Council meeting 10 December 2009

	Action point (and location in minutes)	Action for	Comment
1	<p>Item 8.09/201 Chief Executive's report (report ref:- HPC197/09)</p> <p>Council noted that the Executive considered complaints on a monthly basis to see if any trends could be drawn out and in addition, what measures could be introduced to improve service and processes. A copy of the complaints report considered by the Executive on a monthly basis would be submitted to the next appropriate Council meeting for information.</p> <p>Following a question on improving the efficiency of the Fitness to Practise process, it was agreed that the next meeting of the Fitness to Practise Committee in February would consider the type of information that it would be helpful to provide to all members of Council so they are kept up-to-date on the performance of the FtP function.</p> <p>The Executive were asked to consider the correlation between the number of Registrants and the number of Fitness to Practise complaints received to see if there was a rise in the number of complaints following the statutory regulation of practitioner psychologists.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Director of Fitness to Practise</p> <p>Director of Fitness to Practise</p>	<p>A report will be submitted to the March meeting of Council.</p> <p>To be considered at the Fitness to Practise meeting on 25 February 2010.</p> <p>To be included in the Director's report to the FtP Committee in February.</p>
2	<p>Item 10.09/203 Conclusions on the proposed statutory regulation of Psychotherapists and Counsellors (report ref:- HPC199/09)</p> <p>Council agreed:-</p> <p>The need to do further work in certain areas in collaboration with members of the counselling and psychotherapy professions and other stakeholders. This work was to be carried out with the assistance of the PLG, whose governance arrangements would be subject to Council approval following a full review; and</p> <p>The proposed PLG workplan to be submitted to Council for approval in due course.</p>	<p>The Executive</p> <p>Director of Policy and Standards</p>	<p>Ongoing with the report on the governance arrangements to be submitted to March Council.</p> <p>A report will be submitted to the March meeting of Council.</p>

3.	<p>Item 11.09/204 CHRE Review of the conduct function of the General Social Care Council (England): Learning points for HPC (report ref:-HPC200/09)</p> <p>The Council recommended that consideration be given to how the Council can assure itself as to the quality of Fitness to Practise decisions at the next Fitness to Practise Committee in February 2010.</p>	Director of Fitness to Practise	To be considered at the Fitness to Practise meeting on 25 February 2010.
4.	<p>Item 17.09/210 First Continuing Professional Development (CDP) Report (Report ref:-HPC 206/09)</p> <p>A suggestion was made that the amended version of the report be presented to the next Education and Training Committee in March 2010 and the Committee should have delegated authority to agree the report in its final form on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>The Council agreed to delegate approval of the final print ready version of the report for publication following further consideration at the Education and Training Committee meeting in March 2010.</p>	Director of Communications	To be considered at the Education and Training Committee on 10 March 2010.
5.	<p>Item 19.09/212 The Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2010 (Report ref:-HPC 208/09)</p> <p>19.2 The Council agreed</p> <p>(ii) that approval of the Rules in their final form be given by means of electronic resolution once the Health Professions (Hearing Aid Dispensers) Order 2009 has been approved by Parliament; and subject to the Solicitor to Council providing a report confirming that either (1) no amendments have been made to the draft Rules or (2) that any amendments which have been made do not constitute material changes to the content of those draft Rules.</p>	Secretary to Council	The Section 60 Order which will introduce the statutory regulation of Hearing Aid Dispensers by the HPC is due to be approved by the Privy Council at their meeting on 10 February. It was therefore not necessary to use the electronic resolution means of approval and so a paper appears later on the agenda.