

Secretary's Report for the Meeting on 26 March 2003

1. Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and Department of Health (DH) Working Parties on Approval, Re-Approval, and Monitoring

The President reported to the Council meeting on 7 March 2003 that this working party had now been convened, and with her in the chair.

Its role will be to take the recommendations from the prototype reviews and roll them forward into approval and re-approval and monitoring procedures.

An important piece of background information here is that QAA has been awarded the contract for the review of health funded provision in England. This has the effect of removing health provision (at subject and programme levels) from the scope of QAA's general institutional audit activities. This has no adverse implications, but all stakeholders need to be aware of this.

2. DH / HPC / NMC Partnership Arrangement Consultation Events

A comprehensive report is being prepared by DH. It is likely to be ready for the next meeting. HPC is working with DH and NMC on it.