

Standards of Education and Training review meeting, 18 February
2008: Workplan

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Article 15 (1) of the Health Professions Order 2001 (“the order”) provides that:

The Council shall from time to time establish—

(a) the standards of education and training necessary to achieve the standards of proficiency it has established under article 5(2)

The attached workplan sets out the review so far as well as the proposed timetable of activities for the continued review of the Standards of Education and Training.

Decision

The paper is to note. No decision is required

Background information

None

Resource implications

N/A

Financial implications

N/A

Appendices

None

Date of paper

6 February 2008

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Workplan

Introduction

Terms of Reference

To make recommendations regarding the review of the Standards of Education and Training (SETs) to make sure that they:

- (i) assist in HPC's primary role to protect the public;
- (ii) are fit for purpose;
- (iii) are suitably flexible so that they are relevant to the education and training of all 13 professions;
- (iv) are appropriate for the requirements of education and training; and
- (v) are easily understood by education providers and all other relevant stakeholders.

The standards are used to assess whether a graduate from an educational programme will meet the Standards of Proficiency (SoPs). The review will ensure that the standards are fit for this purpose.

Plan

The Professional Liaison Group (PLG) has been established to carry out a review of the SETs. The review should take into account the views of all relevant stakeholder groups, especially visitors and education providers.

Plan of Activities

In total, the PLG will meet four times to review the SETs. The PLG may also consider information electronically, between meetings, if appropriate. The PLG will report back to the Council after its fourth meeting with the results of the review and its recommendations.

The PLG has met three times so far. The first meeting took place on the 13 September 2007 and included representatives from all the relevant professional bodies. The second meeting took place on the 22nd November 2007 where feedback from education providers, visitors and other relevant stakeholders was considered. The third meeting took place on 15 January 2008.

Suggested Timetable for the Professional Liaison Group

The following is the suggested timetable for the PLG's work. The PLG will be responsible for agreeing any subsequent amendments to the timetable.

10.30-3.30, 18 February 2008 - Fourth meeting of PLG

- Introduction to the SETs
- Revised SETs
- Revised SETs and guidance

26 March 2008 - Education and Training Committee meeting
Results of the PLG presented to the Committee

29 May 2008 - Council meeting
Draft presented

July 2008 – September 2008

Consultation on the revised Standards of Education and Training (if necessary)

December 2008 - Education and Training Committee meeting

Committee considers draft consultation responses document and makes decisions regarding final draft of the standards.

March 2009 - Council meeting

New standards ratified.