

Executive Summary and Recommendations

This report is of progress made on the Professional Liaison Group and the recommendations made at the Education and Training Committee on 14 May 2003.

The timetable for the PLG is linked to the making of the Rules but within that framework it may still be indicative.

The Chairman and Secretary can report verbally on any developments since the Committee meeting.

The Council is asked to agree the recommendations and take any further decisions needed at this stage.

Professional Liaison Group for Continuing Professional Development

Mission Statement (Rationale)

Members of the Education and Training Committee are being consulted on this.

Membership and Convenor / Sponsor

Membership is being sought from ETC members. The convenor must be a Council member appointed by the Group itself, and Miss E. Thornton's name was proposed at ETC on 14 May 2003.

The Secretary will be Dr P.Burley.

Terms of Reference

To develop a consultation paper on Continuing Professional Development in the terms of Part IV 19 of the Health Professions Order 2001, and being mindful of the feedback from the consultation exercise in 2002.

“ Post-registration training

“ **19.** –(1) The Council may make rules requiring registrants to undertake such continuing professional development as it shall specify in standards.

(2) The rules may, in particular, make provision with respect to registrants who fail to comply with any requirements of the rules, including making provision for their registration to cease to have effect.

(3) The Council may by rules require persons who have not practised or who have not practised for or during a prescribed period, to undertake such education or training or to gain such experience as it shall specify in standards.

(4) If the Council makes rules under paragraph (1) or (3), it shall establish the standards to be met in relation to –

(a) continuing professional development; or

(b) the education or training mentioned in paragraph (3),

and article 15(3) and articles 16 to 18 of this Order shall apply in respect of those standards as if they were standards established under article 15(1)(a).

(5) In the articles mentioned in paragraph (4), references to “ education and training ” shall, for the purposes of that paragraph, be treated as being to education, training or experience.

(6) In respect of additional qualifications which may be recorded on the register the Council may establish standards of education and training and article 15(3) to (8) and articles 16 to 18 shall apply in respect of those standards as if they were standards established under article 15(1)(a). ”

Plan of Activities

The PLG will receive the final report AHP CPD Project (“ Demonstrating Continued Competence through CPD ”) and evaluate how far it will help HPC devise a consultation paper and how much additional work will be needed.

The report is expected in June.

The PLG will hold a number of virtual and physical meetings with a view to producing the draft text of a consultation paper for consideration by ETC at its first meeting in 2004.

Timetable

To start work in June 2003 and produce a paper for consultation by autumn 2004.

Budget

An initial budget of up to £10,000 has been established under the Council’s authority.

Terms of Reference for Individual Members

PLG

PLG Member Role

PLG Duration

Main Purpose of Role

Position

Scope of Role

Dimensions and limits of Authority

ROLE HOLDER

CONVENOR :