

Health and Care Professions Council – 3 December 2014

Reports from Council representatives at external meetings

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The following feedback has been received from Council Members reporting back from meetings at which they represented the HCPC:

- Anna van der Gaag, 7th Scottish Government Regulation Conference; and
- John Donaghy, The International Oxford Ethnography Conference (OEC).

Decision

The Council is requested to note the reports.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

The cost for attendance at conferences/meetings has been incorporated into the Council annual budget.

Background papers

None

Appendices

Copies of feedback forms

Date of paper

24 November 2014

Name of Council Member	Anna van der Gaag
Title of Conference/Meeting	7 th Scottish Government Regulation Conference Protecting the Public; how can we assure fitness to practise?
Date of Conference	27 November 2014
Approximate number of people at the conference/meetings	350
<p>This conference was attended by clinicians, managers, professional bodies policy makers and regulators.</p> <p>Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing opened the conference with an endorsement of the value of UK wide regulation in health care. He said that Scotland wanted to see 'proportionate' regulatory regimes, not always adhered to south of the border, and ones that supported the increasing move towards more integrated health and social care delivery systems. He expressed concern about the lack of good standards for many working in the social care sector.</p> <p>The key note speech was given by Professor Zubin Austin on the link between competency and disengagement, with a closing keynote from Col David McArthur on team working in a hospital unit in Afganistan. The conference was attended by eight of the professional regulators, all of whom gave presentations or workshops at the event. HCPC led a workshop on the disengagement work that we are undertaking with Picker Europe. Other seminars included a focus on the legislative reform programme, the developments in employer led regulation of support workers in Scotland, and revalidation. PSA presented on their qualitative analysis of regulators fitness to practise decisions. The Scottish Mediation Council gave their perspective on the contribution of mediation to professional regulation.</p> <p>Conclusions</p> <p>The high attendance at the HCPC workshop gave some indication of the interest in the work on disengagement. Zubin Austin's presentation was well received by the audience, with some reservations expressed on the extent to which traditional competency frameworks are limiting on education and practise. David McArthur gave an inspiring account of the challenges of delivering health care in a combat zone, and the importance of trust, honesty and emotional intelligence were to the success of teams.</p>	

Name of Council Member	John Donaghy
Title of Conference/Meeting	The International Oxford Ethnography Conference (OEC)
Date of Conference/Meeting	Monday 15 th September 2014
Approximate number of people at the Conference/Meeting	150

Purpose:

The purpose of attending this conference was to present my current doctoral work to fellow Ethnographers and gain a deeper understanding of the work around Ethnographic research and field studies. My current on-going work looks to explore student paramedics' acculturation and socialisation into their working environment- *from classroom learning to situational understanding*. Although this work is currently inchoate, the initial findings strongly suggest a correlation between the students' acculturation into paramedic practice with that of professional identity and the notion of professionalism. This conference gave me the opportunity not only to present my findings to a very supportive, yet critical international audience, it also served to network amongst international colleagues, both from health and education.

It is hoped that my completed work will help to inform and enrich the evidence base around professionalism within the paramedic profession, drawing from the current work from Durham University I hope my findings will help build an evidence base which will help inform the paramedic profession.