

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE BROCHURES

1. Background and Timetable

At its meeting on 12 February 2003 the Committee remitted the brochures to a working party to be set up at the next meeting on 26 March 2003.

This decision was not fully correlated with the Council's agreed strategy. As a result the brochures are re-presented here in accordance with that wider strategy while seeking to meet still the Committee's intentions.

The Council is committed to publishing an indicative set of brochures by 1 April 2003 with legal disclaimers for those not able to be definitive at this stage. A table of those brochures for publication on April 1st was agreed by Council at their meeting in December. These must therefore be complete and published in first edition status for April 1st 2002.

Those brochures on which the Committee feels require additional work based on the first drafts should be remitted to the working party so that they can provide the additional information required by August/September 2003. This information will then be published as a second edition.

This strategy was discussed and agreed again at the Council meeting on 7 March 2003.

2. Approach to the Brochures

The Education and Training brochures are derived from and embedded in the data sets HPC shares with other stakeholders. These are described in full in the context of the Standards of Education and Training and they include all HPC's own Standards and Statements. They are guidance to education institutions and other partner bodies and stakeholders.

The brochures all need to be read in conjunction with the revised Standards for Education and Training, which now specifically reflect the Committee's discussion on 12 February and form the context for all the other publications on education and training.

3. Consultation and Publication

In the consultation exercise HPC undertook to work with the other stakeholders in education and training, and with their processes and documentation, wherever that allowed HPC to meet its statutory obligations. This means that where adequate provision already exists, HPC will not seek to duplicate or supplant it. HPC received an overwhelming mandate for this approach. This has discharged HPC's duty to consult on the standards and attendant processes in the terms of Part II of the Health Professions Order (HPO).

4. Context and Ethos for the Brochures

The brochures should be seen as a guide to how HPC will implement its statements and standards specifically to meet the requirements of the (HPO). This means that they are free standing documents showing the independence and integrity of statutory processes under the HPO. It also means, however, that they cannot operate or be fully understood in isolation from their wider context.

5. Conclusion

The Committee is asked to approve the texts as presented for publication for the purposes of the relaunch, but with a view to further development in due course.

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