

*Consultation Document for inclusion of ODP qualifications in the  
Standards of Education and Training.*

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Dear .....

**RE: The inclusion of the Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice in the Standards of Education and Training, SET 1: Level of Qualification for entry to the HPC Register**

The HPC Register opened for Operating Department Practitioners, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

At the Education and Training Committee meeting, held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2004, the **Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice** was approved as the UK approved qualification for operating department practitioners with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

In line with the Health Professions Order 2001 (Article 15.-(1)-(3)) it will be necessary to amend the Standards of Education and Training to reflect the addition of the new profession by making appropriate changes to the threshold entry routes to the Register.

Consequently, the HPC is conducting a 6 week consultation commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005 and concluding 11<sup>th</sup> March 2005. This puts the HPC's proposal before a range of stakeholders including the Department of Health, and professional bodies.

Following consultation, and upon approval of the proposal, SET 1 would be altered to read as follows:

**1. Level of qualification for entry to the Register:**

1.1 The Council normally expects that the **threshold** entry routes to the Register will be the following:

1.1.1 Bachelor degree with honours for the following professions:

- chiropody or podiatry;
- dietetics;
- occupational therapy;
- orthoptics;
- physiotherapy;

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- prosthetics and orthotics;
- radiography;
- speech and language therapy;
- biomedical science (with the Certificate of Competence awarded by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS), or equivalent if appropriate); and

1.1.2 Masters degree for the arts therapies.

1.1.3 Masters degree for the clinical sciences (with the award of the Association of Clinical Scientists' Certificate of Attainment, or equivalent).

1.1.4 Equivalent to Certificate of Higher Education for paramedics.

### ***1.1.5 Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice for Operating Department Practitioners***

All interested parties are invited to give their views and to respond to this consultation document. Responses may be made in writing or by e-mail to [karen.scott@hpc-uk.org](mailto:karen.scott@hpc-uk.org) and will be acknowledged within 3 working days. Further copies of this paper may be obtained from the HPC website at [www.hpc-uk.org/consultation](http://www.hpc-uk.org/consultation). Please note that responses may be made public. If you prefer however, that your response be kept confidential, please make this clear when submitting your response.

Following the consultation period, responses will be analysed and the Council will publish a document summarizing the views and opinions received. The expected timeframe for this is late spring 2005.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please e-mail HPC at [karen.scott@hpc-uk.org](mailto:karen.scott@hpc-uk.org) or contact us at

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