

Education & Training Committee 4 December 2007

Continuing Professional Development Project

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Since 2006, HPC's CPD project team having been making the Education & Training Committee's CPD scheme operational. Some of the highlights since the last Education & Training Committee have been:-

- CPD Communication Manager presented the CPD assessor fee proposal paper to Education 7 Training Committee
- General news release for journals has been issued
- Professional body articles have been issued
- Letter sent to employer-organisations informing employees of upcoming events covering CPD details
- Expression of interest letters sent to potential CPD assessors: 18 out of 19 Chiropodists and 11 out of 17 ODPs answered positively
- CPD assessor role brief created
- CPD assessor training has been booked for the 24th and 25th of June 2008
- DH and NHS bulletins issued
- LISA build is complete and has been deployed onto the test server ready for User Acceptance testing in December 2007
- CPD talk been conducted
- CPD presentation to UK Registration
- Finance & Resources Committee approved the CPD assessor assessment fee of £20 per assessment
- Profile template design has been pushed back to 14th December
- Writing of standard letters has been pushed back to 14th December NOTE: Neither of these are critical to the project therefore there has been no impact to the overall status

Items to be actioned by 3rd December 2007 by the project team include :-

- Presentation to be given to International Registration
- Article to be submitted to HPC in Focus
- Standard letters to be written
- Profile template to be designed
- Assessor roles to be advertised

Like all major projects, regular CPD project artefacts and documents are created to ensure the project is run on time and on budget. The following project documents are attached to this paper:-

- CPD highlight report for 19 November 2007
- CPD project plan as of 19 November 2007
- Continuing Professional Development Project Charter

The next CPD project update is scheduled for the next Education & Training Committee meeting in March 2008.

Decision

The Council/Committee is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

Project Charter is the document that defines the:

- Business case
- Project criticality
- Project objectives
- Project benefits
- Project scope
- Project team
- Risks and Dependencies
- Project milestones
- Future Business process (if any)

The Project Charter is owned by the Project Manager and signed off by project team.

Project plan is the document that details:

- Project tasks
- Start and Finish dates
- Task owners
- % complete

The Project Plan is owned by the Project Manager and is signed off by the project team and resources providers such as the project team member's manager

The Highlight Report is used to monitor stage and project progress. The Project Manager also uses it to advise of any potential problems or issues.

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Resource implications

Financial implications

N/A

Appendices

- CPD highlight report for 19 November 2007
 CPD project plan as of 19 November 2007
 Continuing Professional Development Project Charter

Date of paper

22 November 2007

CPD HIGHLIGHT REPORT

Period Covered: 5th November to 19th November 2007

Budget Status Capex: £85,000 Opex: £72,400

- £42,751.16 capex has been invoiced by DSL regarding the CPD LISA build.
- £18,709.57 capex in additional functionality has been identified and requested from DSL Purchase orders have now been signed off.

Schedule Status

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Products Completed during the period

CPD assessor fees paper submitted to F&R

Actual or Potential Problems and Risk update

Please refer to Risk log on Springfield for all other risks and mitigating actions
 CPD Risk Log Link

Products to be undertaken during the next period i.e. 19th Nov to 3rd Dec

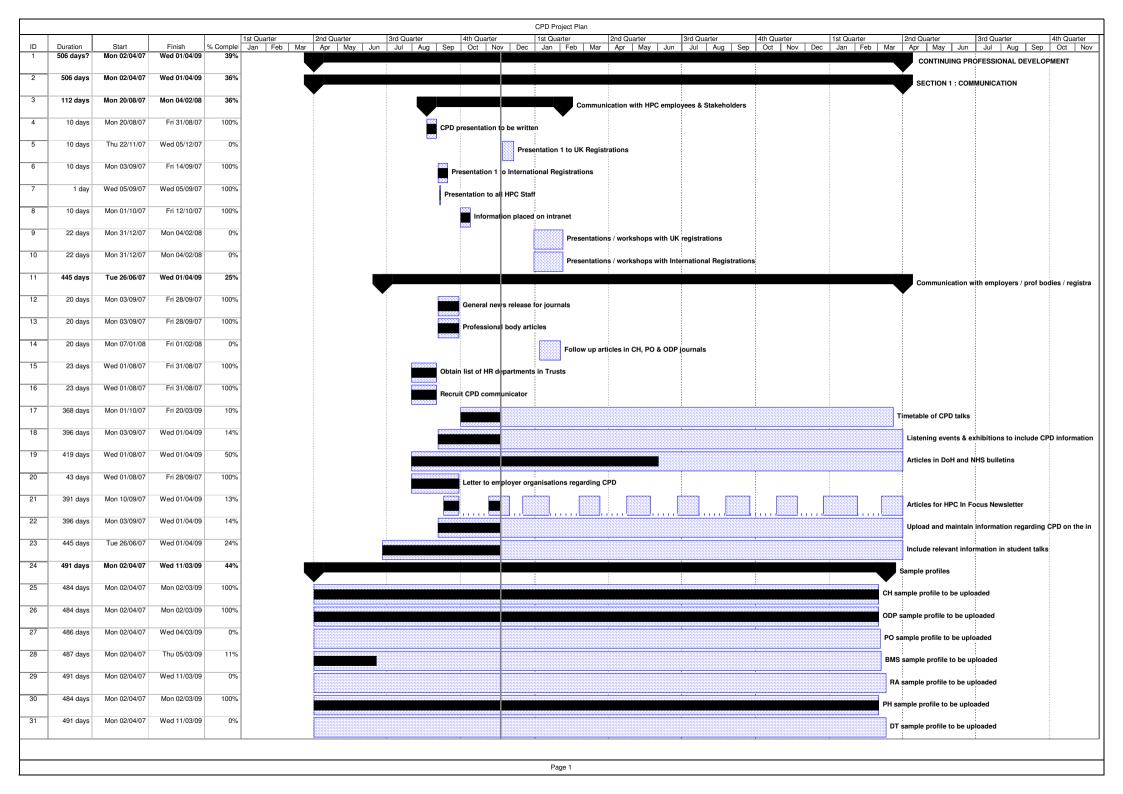
- Presentation to be given to UK Registrations
- Article to be submitted to HPC in Focus
- F&R to sign off on assessor fees proposal
- Standard letters to be written
- Profile template to be designed
- Assessor roles to be advertised

Project Issues Status

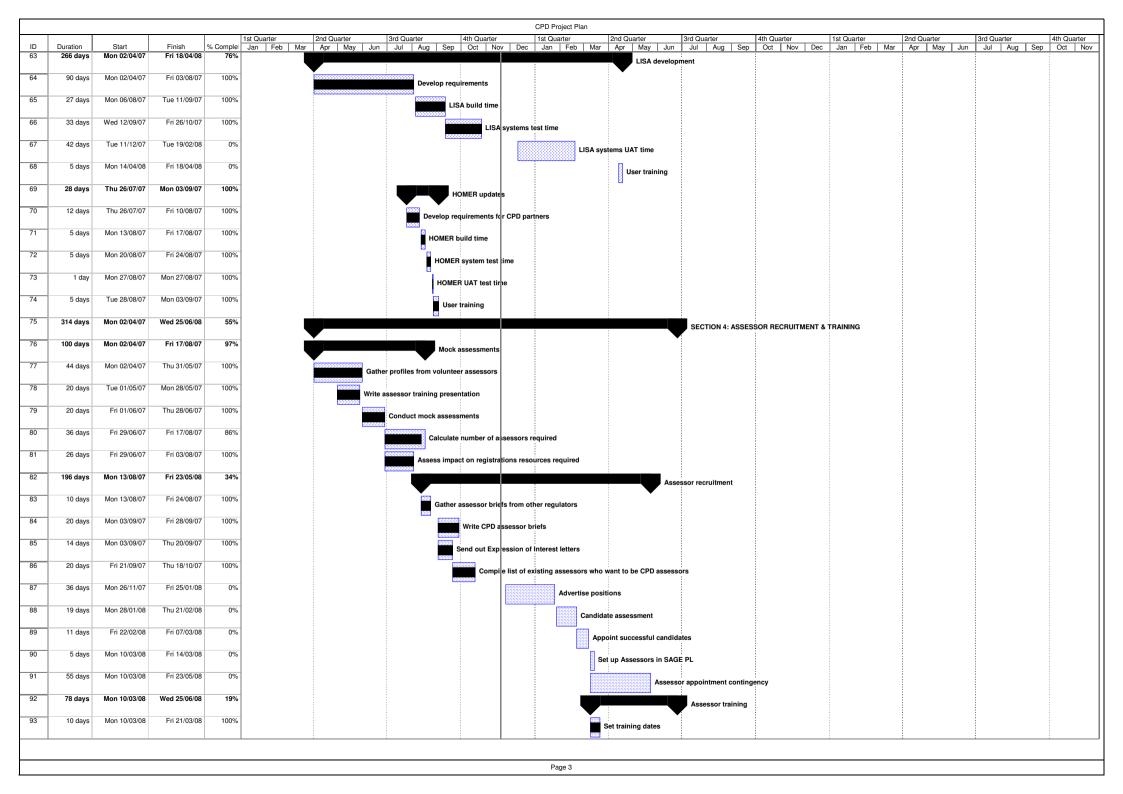
 Benjamin James (BDB) to advise project team on how long the CPD assessment profiles should be stored.

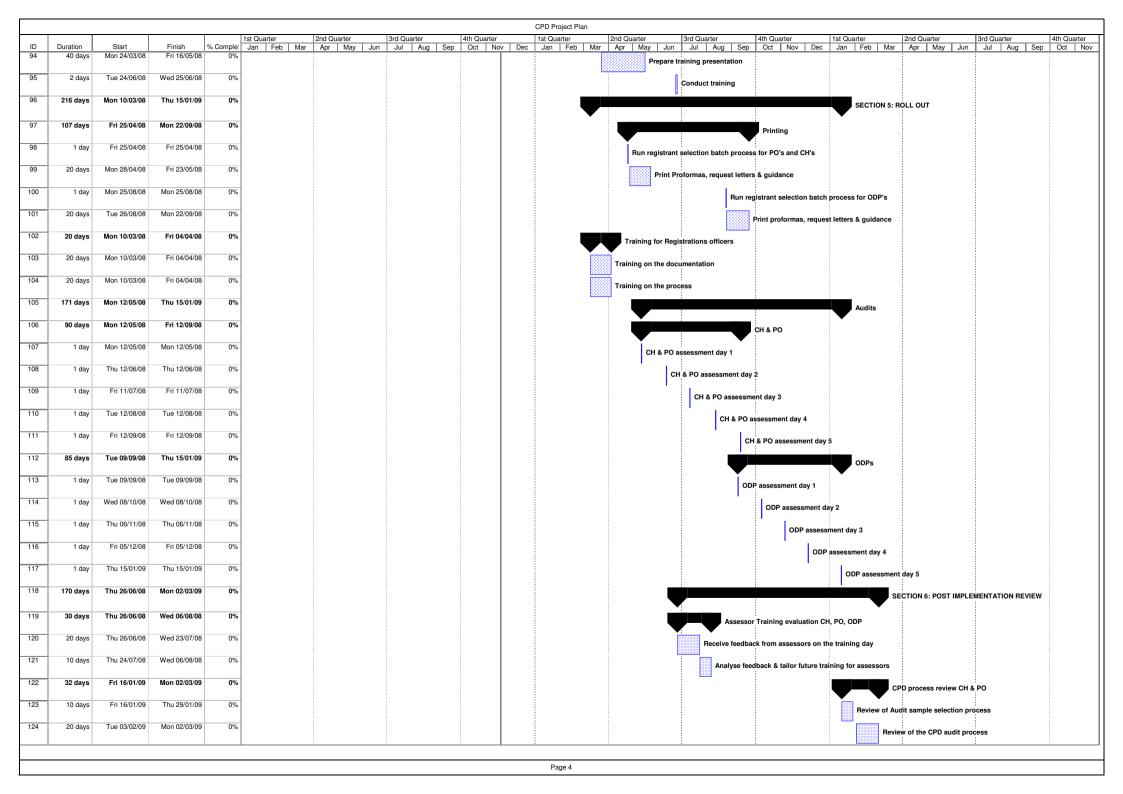
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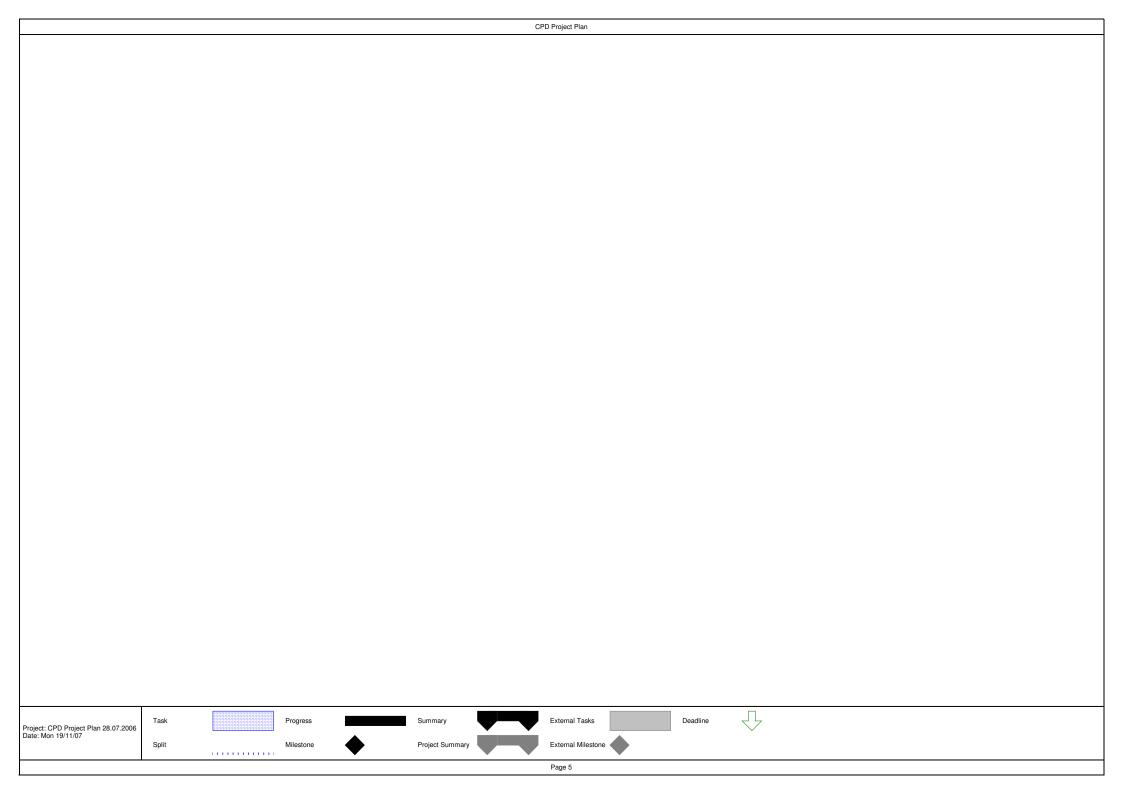
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Business Case and Problem Statement

Summary:

- HPC considers the monitoring of registrants' continuing professional development as a vital part of its basic function of protecting the public. HPC Council has set CPD standards, and HPC therefore needs to devise a process:
 - to collect the necessary evidence from a sample of randomly selected registrants
 - to assess whether the registrant meets the standards; and
 - to deal with the outcomes resulting from the assessment.
- A PLG exercise and public consultation have been completed and approval from Council has been given around the general approach that will be taken and the standards registrants will be expected to meet.
- · This project will therefore address the roll out of the operational and assessment processes and the associated technology development

Project Criticality:

 HPC have publicly committed in 2005 to commencing the CPD audit process in June 2008, therefore it is imperative for the Council's credibility that the process should successfully roll out by this time.

Benefits of implementation:

- · Registrants will be encouraged to undertake CPD, knowing that the standards are backed up by an audit process
- The public will be better protected due to the constant sampling of registrants' development
- HPC will have fulfilled its public commitment as per the CPD Key Decisions document.

Objectives	Project Team				
To create a sustainable CPD audit process	Sponsor : Greg Ross-Sampson Project Lead : Richard Houghton				
To create an efficient technology solution to support the audit process					
To ensure there is a greater understanding of and therefore good compliance	Project Manager : Claire Phillips				
by registrants with the CPD standards	Project Team : Claire Harkin, Mark Potter, Jacqueline Ladds, Rachel Tripp, Yasmin Hussain, Eve Seall, Rick Welsby and Registrations officers assigned to CPD				
	Stakeholders : EMT				

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Project Scope

In Scope

- To design and implement a process that will allow a percentage of registrants to be selected for audit for the purpose of CPD
- To design and implement a process that will enable HPC to notify the selected registrants of the requirement to submit a CPD profile for assessment
- To design and implement a process that will allow HPC to receive the required amount of CPD profiles and to send reminders when not received
- To design and implement a controlled process that will allow HPC to assess the required number of CPD profiles, to request further information where necessary, to allocate further time where necessary.
- To design and implement a process that will track all registrants through the CPD assessment lifecycle
- To design and implement a process that will allow HPC to select, appoint and train the required number of CPD assessors
- To design and implement a process that will ensure that registrants who do not meet the standards set by CPD are provided with recourse to appeal
- To semi-automate the registrant selection, assessment and tracking process
- To implement a communications programme to ensure that the CPD process is well publicised to registrants and employees
- To design all documentation relating to CPD assessments (profiles, letters, guidance).

Out of Scope

- Full automation of the notification and assessment process. (i.e. online submissions of profiles, online routing of profiles to assessors)
- CPD roadshows

Future Business Process

· See separate workflow document

Project Milestones	
Define all processes	12 th June 2007
Conduct mock assessment and resource analysis	12 th July 2007
Design CPD profile	10 th August 2007
Appoint CPD assessors	2 nd May 2008
Complete LISA development	11 th April 2008
Begin CH and PO assessments	12 th May 2008
Begin ODP assessments	5 th January 2009
Assess assessment process	28 th February 2009
Assess registrant %age selection	31st January 2009

Risks and Dependencies

Risks

- That the technology provider will not be able to accommodate the HPC timetable
- That internal priority clashes will restrict the amount of resources available to the project (e.g. new professions)
- That the resources within Registrations will not be adequate to define and implement the processes.
- That there will not be adequate interest in CPD assessor appointments
- That registrants will not be co-operative & profiles will not be submitted in a timely manner, thereby greatly increasing the resources required to run the process
- That registrants will generally misunderstand the CPD requirements, which will
 mean profiles that do not address the CPD standards will be submitted, thereby
 greatly increasing the resources required to run the process
- That if the CPD communicator were to leave the organisation during the fixed term contract that a strain would be put on resources internally in order to cover prearranged talks
- That assessor costs will not be approved by the Finance and Resources committee since they are to be updated in the Five Year plan

Dependencies

- That it will be possible to recruit a CPD communicator
- That legal advice will be provided in a timely manner
- That the CPD requirements (as set by Council) will not change during the course of the project