

Education and Training Committee 26 March 2008

Reports from Education and Training Committee representatives at external meetings

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

The Committee has agreed that representatives of the Committee should formally report back from meetings at which they have represented the Committee by completing a standard form outlining the meeting attended and the key decisions taken.

Feedback forms, which are attached, have been received from the following members:

- (1) Daisy Haggerty
- (2) Diane Waller

Decision

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

Background information

Minute 5.6.1 of the Education and Training Committee meeting 23 June 2004.

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Background papers

None.

Appendices

Copies of feedback forms.

Date of paper

14 March 2008

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FEEDBACK SHEET TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MEETING

Name of Council Member	Daisy Haggerty
Title of Conference/Meeting	ACS assessors meeting, ACB Offices, 130-132 Tooley Street, London.
Date of Conference	19 th November 2007
Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting	55- 60
Issues of Relevance to HPC The meeting was attended by members of the Association of Clinical Scientists Executive and Administrative staff as well as assessors for a wide range of modalities and sub-modalities. ACS Assessors are required to attend at least one training meeting in any three year period to retain their assessor status. The purpose of the meeting was to update the ACS Assessor delegates and ensure their familiarity with consensus views on procedures and other developments in ACS practices, particularly the need for consistency of assessment both between and within modalities. Updated guidelines for assessments from the ACS Education sub-committee and proposed changes in ACS assessment procedures for 2008 were discussed in break-out sessions and their views fed back to the delegates. As Richard Wakeford was unable to attend, his topic of 'avoiding pitfalls of assessment' was also discussed in small groups who then presented their views back to the meeting where a general discussion on the topic ensued. My talk to the delegates updated them on the statutory functions of the HPC and how they are met, as well as my role as council member. A question session followed, and the subject of 'protected titles' with particular reference to the use of prefixes such as Trainee and Pre-registration came up. I was able to confirm that this was acceptable as long as they were used for the purpose of clarification rather than any intention to deceive the service users. There was also some discussion and concerns expressed regarding the 'Skills for Health' consultation document and the ACS will be contributing their views of the proposals.	
Key Decisions Taken	

FEEDBACK SHEET TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MEETING

Name of Council Member	Diane Waller
Title of Conference/Meeting	Skills for Health – Development of NOS for Psychotherapy Strategy Group
Date of Conference	5th February 2008
Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting	8
<p>Issues of Relevance to HPC This is an ongoing project to develop NOS for Psychotherapy, chaired by Professor Peter Fonagy and attended by representatives of UK health departments. The project is well under way with competencies for CBT having been drafted and circulated to the group for comment. The other areas now under consideration are Psychodynamic, Family and Systemic and Humanistic (and Integrative) psychotherapy, each with its own specialist group. There is a reference group for the whole project chaired by Lord Alderdice which had its first meeting on 23rd January. There is a recognition of the importance of the NOS for future regulation and of the necessity for this group to work closely with the IAPT group and Regulation working group – which has many of the same people involved. One of the areas of discussion today was the issue of training for the increased number of therapists, supervision, and the question of who would be delivering the low or high intensity interventions (in CBT). The process of producing the NOS and the manner in which the project is being conducted should be helpful in the regulation process in that a wide range of practitioners will be involved.</p>	
<p>Key Decisions Taken Ongoing. Suggest changing ‘integrative’ to ‘person-centred and experiential’ as there is some confusion about how ‘integrative’ is being used. Have a teleconference mid April to check on progress.</p>	