

## Education and Training Committee 25 September 2008

### Actions List

### Executive Summary and Recommendations

#### **Introduction**

Attached is the actions list as agreed at the last public meeting of this committee.

On 26 March 2008, the Committee received a presentation from Professor Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer at the Department of Health, on the Department's Modernising Scientific Careers project. On 11 September 2008, the Council discussed the project and HPC's position on issues which need to be addressed.

The Council paper is on the HPC's website at:

[www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/100023FDcouncil\\_20080911\\_enclosure06.pdf](http://www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/100023FDcouncil_20080911_enclosure06.pdf)

#### **Decision**

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

#### **Background information**

Please refer to previous papers and minutes for the background to decisions.

#### **Resource implications**

None

#### **Financial implications**

None

#### **Background papers**

None

#### **Appendices**

None

#### **Date of paper**

12 September 2008.

## Action points

### Education and Training Committee – public meeting

10 June 2008

	<b>Action point (and location in the minutes)</b>	<b>For the attention of</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	<p>Consultation on standards of proficiency and the threshold level of qualification for entry to the Register for hearing aid audiologists:</p> <p>Recommended to the Council that it should (1) consult in conjunction with the Hearing Aid Council on the standards of proficiency; and consult in conjunction with the Hearing Aid Council on a proposal that the threshold level of qualification for entry to the hearing aid audiologists part of the Register should be set at a foundation degree;</p> <p>(2) consult on a proposal that the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules be amended to provide for the registration renewal cycle for hearing aid audiologists.</p> <p>(7.4)</p>	MG	3 July 2008	<p>Actioned. These recommendations were agreed by the Council on 3 July 2008. The Council also agreed the text of the consultation documents, subject to minor editing amendments.</p> <p>The joint consultations agreed at point 1 run from 15 July 2008 to 15 October 2008.</p>
2	<p>Generic standards of proficiency: Agreed that:</p> <p>(1) the generic standards of proficiency should be reviewed from January 2009;</p> <p>(2) a workplan for the review should be brought to the Committee's meeting on 2 December 2008, but the workplan should include draft guiding principles for the review, based on the discussion on 10 June 2008.</p> <p>(8.6)</p>	MG	Ongoing to 2 December 2008	

3	<p>Amendment to the standards of proficiency for chiropodists and podiatrists: Recommended to the Council: (1) that the standards of proficiency for chiropodists and podiatrists relating to prescription only medicines and local anaesthetics should become compulsory from 1 September 2009; and</p> <p>(2) the text of the consultation responses document included in the paper, subject to an amendment that the total number of respondents should be mentioned near the start of the document.</p> <p>(9.7)</p>	MG	3 July 2008	Actioned. These recommendations were agreed by the Council on 3 July 2008.
4	<p>Post-registration qualifications: Committee agreed that Executive should undertake further research on post-registration qualifications, exploring any relevant developments in medicine, nursing and pharmacy. Committee agreed that it would also be useful to consider the issue in the light of the conclusions of the professional liaison group on continuing fitness to practise. Further paper to be prepared for meeting on 2 December 2008.</p> <p>(10.5)</p>	MG	Ongoing to 2 December 2008	
5	<p>Standards of education and training and guidance consultation: Subject to confirmation of the wording of SET 3.13 and minor editing changes, Committee agreed and recommended to Council the text of the draft consultation document.</p> <p>(11.4)</p>	SM	3 July 2008	Actioned. On 3 July 2008, the Council approved the consultation document, including the amendment of SET 3.13 to read '...concerns about students' profession related conduct'. The consultation runs from 1 August 2008 to 14 November 2008.

6	<p>Making a complaint about an education or training programme: Once the document had been amended as discussed at the meeting, the Chairman should take Chairman's action to approve the document. Following that approval, the document should be published on the HPC website.</p> <p>(12.4)</p>	<p>SM Chairman</p>	<p>25 September 2008</p>	<p>Actioned. Chairman's action was taken to approve the document on 18 June 2008.</p>
7	<p>Guidance on ethical issues for students: Committee agreed</p> <p>(1) that the Policy and Standards Department should work with the Communications Department to establish a section for students on the HPC website;</p> <p>(2) the proposed timetable for the production of the guidance outlined in the paper; and</p> <p>(3) the ethical guidance should be based on the Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics.</p> <p>(13.6)</p>	<p>CU</p>	<p>Ongoing to December 2008</p>	<p>See further paper on agenda for 25 September 2008.</p>