

Education and Training Committee 25 September 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 (two reports)
- (2) Tony Hazell
- (3) Neil Willis

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

11 September 2008

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FEEDBACK SHEET TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MEETING

Name of Council Member	Daisy Haggerty
Title of Conference/Meeting	Association of Clinical Scientists Board Meeting and AGM
Date of Conference	10 th March 2008
Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting	16 members and representatives
Issues of Relevance to HPC	
<p>Draft guidelines for ACS assessment was circulated and any changes to be incorporated into them were discussed. Derek Pearson (outgoing Chair of ACS) had attended a meeting at HPC regarding Post Registration qualifications.</p> <p>The ACS are expecting an audit from HPC but no date has been agreed as yet.</p> <p>My presentation to the ACS in the section 'HPC matters' involved a brief explanation of 'Section 60 orders' and the possible effects on the work of the HPC. As the president of HPC is a member of the working group on non-medical revalidation I stressed the importance of input from the professional bodies to the PLG that had been set up by HPC to discuss and report on revalidation by October 2008.</p> <p>The new Chair of ACS is Dr Neil Lewis and the Secretary is Dr Joanna Sheldon.</p>	
Key Decisions Taken	

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FEEDBACK SHEET TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MEETING

Name of Council Member	Daisy Haggerty
Title of Conference/Meeting	Association of Clinical Scientists Board Meeting
Date of Conference	1 st July 2008
Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting	20
<p>Issues of Relevance to HPC A good proportion of the meeting was taken up by the presentation from Graham Beestall on 'Modernising Scientific Careers (MSC)' The MCS programme has been put forward as a unified approach to regulation establishing general, specialist and consultant level requirements linked to registration and revalidation. The presentation was followed by robust discussion between the members and the representatives from the DoH around the proposed model of training and the timetable. An information document, 'Next Steps' is expected to be published in September 2008, curriculum development is proposed during 2009 followed by a pilot of the programme. Predicted time for the new programme to become operational is 2011 – 2012. Following concerns expressed regarding the statutory regulation of acupuncturists, herbalists and traditional Chinese medicine practitioners, my presentation to the ACS in the section 'HPC matters' involved a brief explanation of how HPC assesses whether an aspirant group is eligible for regulation which is done in two parts: A- listing the types of activities that may be undertaken by that group and B- listing a number of requirements that each occupation wishing to be regulated should be able to demonstrate.</p> <p>I also informed them of the establishment of PLGs to consider issues relevant to the statutory regulation of aspirant groups when applicable.</p>	
<p>Key Decisions Taken These proposed changes to the qualification and training of a new 'Healthcare Scientist' group that will probably need to have separate registration is of particular relevance to the HPC and the remit of the Education and Training Committee.</p>	

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Feedback sheet to be completed after the meeting

Name of council member	Professor Tony Hazell
Title of conference/meeting	PSRB/QAA Forum
Date of conference	24th June 2008
Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting	30
<p>Issues of relevance to HPC</p> <p>The forum was attended by representatives of 'Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies' (PSRBs) from a number of sectors. Those from the health sector were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Osteopathic Council • British Psychological Society • Healthcare Commission • Postgraduate Medical Education & Training Board • British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy • Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence • Nursing & Midwifery Council • General Medical Council <p>The forum had been convened by the QAA and was prompted by the report in 2007 from the Higher Education Regulation Review Group (HERRG). The main objective was to discuss whether the overall structure of HE quality assurance is functioning well, particularly from the perspective of PSRBs.</p> <p>Of particular interest was the rather different perspective of those sectors where 'regulation' is carried out by professional bodies rather than by independent regulators such as the HPC (e.g. architects, surveyors, accountants). QAA has been liaising with the UK Inter-professional Group (UKIPG). HPC is represented on UKIPG by Tom Berry.</p> <p>"The UKIPG was founded in 1977 to act as a Forum for the major Professional and Regulatory Bodies in the United Kingdom. There are 30 bodies in membership. They reach across the healthcare, legal, financial, scientific, engineering and construction professions. Some are statutory bodies; others regulate under the terms of their Royal Charter. Major areas of interest include Professional Regulation, Professional Education and Training, the impact of European and International Affairs, and Professional Ethics and Values." (an extract from the UKIPG web-site)</p> <p>From the discussion that took place it was clear that, in most areas, HPC is well ahead of the game!!</p> <p>Issues discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for greater consistency across the different regulatory bodies, particularly within the same sector. • Tensions between regulatory bodies and professional bodies. • The sharing of reports undertaken on education providers. • The issue of competition between HEIs. • Single practitioners as employer. 	

- The need for external review to be aligned with internal review cycle.
- Issues relating to practice-based assessment.
- The involvement of 'end users' in assessment.
- The role of external examiners and the possible need for 'commonality' across health programmes.
- The possible sharing of 'causes for concern' information between different regulators.
- Problems arising from the multiplicity of 'Sector Skills Councils'.

Key decisions taken

The only 'decision' taken was that QAA would consider all the points raised during the discussion and would probably convene another forum later in the year.

Feedback sheet to be completed after the meeting

Name of Council Member	Neil Willis
Title of Conference/Meeting	Institute of Biomedical Sciences Executive
Date of Conference	27 August 2008
Approximate number of people at the meeting	6
Issues of Relevance to HPC The meeting was held specifically discuss the implications of the Modernising Scientific Careers and to clarify the views of the IBMS and the Federation of Healthcare Scientists. The review was welcomed but the IBMS is unable to support the initiative and views the MSC as a retrograde step, as the specific details appear to regularly change, comments were directed at the core issues of which there were a number of reservations;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The review does not take into account the maturity of current programs that have evolved over time.• The Masters level programs for general registration are not necessary Honours B.Sc. with evidence of acquired skills is a more appropriate level.• It is not clear how HEIs and training centres will be accredited and quality controlled.• A three year training period is expensive and discouraging to well qualified applicants.• The suggested framework is too rigid and should aim to promote best practice.• The Healthcare Scientist Career Pathway bases on meritocracy and supported by all professional bodies appears have been disregarded.• Aspirant groups have been disregarded, ignored or have had their progress towards registration held up for an unacceptable period.• We feel that it is very important that there is a clear route to state registration for all groups of staff	
Key Decisions Taken The Institute of Biomedical Sciences is unable to support the MSC project in its existing form	