

Education and Training Committee, 25 November 2009

CPD profiles

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Since 2005, the Executive has worked with the professional bodies to publish joint-badged sample CPD profiles on the HPC website.

The process followed to date for the publication of the CPD profiles is outlined below.

- The Executive liaises with the professional body who produces a first draft sample profile. (Professional bodies have to date produced between one and four CPD profiles for each profession, often reflecting different areas of professional practice.)
- The draft (and any subsequent drafts) are looked at by the Executive and the draft profile and comments from the Executive are sent to two members of the Education and Training Committee who review the profiles and provide their comments. The process is designed to ensure that as a minimum the CPD profiles meet the standards. Whilst the profiles are not designed to be exemplars, the drafting process ensures that each profile demonstrates a reasonably good way of meeting the standards.
- Final collated comments are sent to the professional body who updates the draft.
- The final draft profile is sent to the Chair of the Committee who is asked to exercise Chair's action to publish the profile joint-badged on the HPC website.

The Executive and Chair of the Committee have agreed that it would be useful to continue this process as the involvement of two members of the Committee provides appropriate checks and balances to ensure that the profiles published by the HPC are of a good quality.

Gill Pearson, the Dietitian member of the Committee, was previously one of the members who had volunteered to undertake this role and has indicated that she would be happy in continuing to do so.

However, the other Committee member who had previously volunteered to undertake this role is no longer a Council or Committee member. A new volunteer to undertake this role is therefore sought.

Decision

The Executive is seeking a volunteer from the Committee to undertake the role of reviewing CPD profiles.

This role is normally carried out via email, with an average of one profile reviewed every six weeks to two months.

Background information

Sample CPD profiles have now been published for 13 of the 14 parts of the HPC Register.

The Executive is continuing to work with the professional bodies involved to publish profiles for the following professions:

- Art therapists
- Music therapists
- Dietitians (Two profiles already published)
- Practitioner psychologists
- Hearing aid dispensers

Resource implications

No new resource implications of this decision, although there will be a small time commitment for those members who are able to volunteer.

Financial implications

None

Appendices

None

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