

Education and Training Committee - 22 September 2009

Generic Standards of Proficiency Review Group workplan

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Article 5(2) of the Health Professions Order 2001 requires the Council to establish standards of proficiency which are the standards necessary for safe and effective practice for each part of the Register.

At its meeting on 2 December 2008, the Education and Training Committee approved a workplan for reviewing the generic standards of proficiency.

Owing to departmental pressures, the review has had to be postponed until adequate resources were available within the department.

This paper outlines a revised workplan for reviewing the generic standards of proficiency. As there are no significant changes being proposed other than the dates, it is not necessary for the Committee to approve the revised workplan.

Decision

This paper is for information only. No decision is required.

Background information

Papers considered by the Education and Training Committee on 4 December 2007, 26 March 2008, 10 June 2008 and 2 December 2008 (enclosure 6 at http://www.hpc-uk.org/aboutus/committees/educationandtraining_archive/index.asp?id=382)

Resource implications

The resource implications for the policy and standards department are accounted for in department planning for 2009/10.

Financial implications

- Mailing of consultation document
- Re-publication of standards

The financial implications are accounted for in department planning for 2009/2010. The implications of publication will be minimised as far as possible by aligning publication with print-run schedules.

Appendices

None

Date of paper

10 September 2009

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Generic Standards of Proficiency Review Group workplan

This Review Group has been established to review the generic standards of proficiency and to recommend to the Council whether any changes need to be made.

Members: Miss Eileen Thornton (Chair)
Mrs Joy Tweed
Professor Diane Waller
Dr Arun Midha
Mr John Donaghy
Professor Annie Turner
Mrs Penny Renwick

1) First Meeting – 28 September 2009

The group will consider:

- An overview of standards of proficiency
- An initial work plan for the review
- Responses received to date
- Suggested changes to the generic standards
- Summary of past reviews
- The language of the standards
- Relationship to other HPC standards

The group should begin to clearly indicate which standards if any, may need amendment and whether any additional standards are necessary. Any decisions will be reviewed at the second meeting.

2) Second Meeting – 27 & 28 January 2010

The group will consider:

- Summary of meeting one
- Changes to the introduction
- Feedback received through the psychotherapists and counsellors and dance movement therapists consultations*
- Feedback from professional bodies**
- Revised standards based on discussion at first meeting

The group should finalise its recommendations to ETC and Council.

* From July – October 2009, we are consulting on the potential statutory regulation of psychotherapists and counsellors and dance movement therapists. Both of these consultations include draft standards of proficiency. It is likely that we will receive some comments about the generic standards of proficiency. This

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information will be provided to the Review Group for consideration at the January meeting.

** The Executive is writing to professional bodies for the first 13 professions to seek their views and comments on the generic standards of proficiency. Their responses will be provided to the Review Group for consideration at the January meeting.

3) Education and Training Committee – 10 March 2010

Recommendations considered by Education and Training Committee

4) Council Meeting – 25 March 2010

Recommendations considered by Council

5) Consultation – Late March to Late June 2010

Public consultation on revised Standards of Proficiency

6) Education and Training Committee meeting – September 2010

Consideration of consultation responses and revised standards for publication

7) Council meeting – October 2010

Consideration of recommendations from ETC meeting

8) Incremental roll out of revised standards – January 2011

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