

Paper to note

Education and Training Committee – 16 September 2010

Withdrawal of approval from historic programmes

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

As a result of the completion of the definitive list of approved programmes, the Education Department holds a list of approved programmes that are recorded as “closed”. These programmes either have no students, or have students but are no longer recruiting additional cohorts.

As all of these programmes still carry approved status the risk exists that an education provider may re-establish a training programme as leading to eligibility to apply for registration with the Health Professions Council.

This paper provides an update on the current status of the project.

Background information

Committee has previously given approval to the Education Executive to formally close programmes where consent was given by the education provider to withdraw ongoing approval. In addition, the Education Executive has been given approval to withdraw ongoing approval from a “closed” programme when, after the required period of notice to the education provider, no representation was received. Ongoing approval has been withdrawn from these programmes.

The Education Executive has updated and revised the format of the historical lists of programmes available on the website. These lists are clearly signposted on the website and provide stakeholders with clear and concise information. The lists of historical programmes can be found at:
www.hpc-uk.org/education/programmes/historical/

Stage 1 of the project is now complete. In stage 2 of the project, the Education Executive will contact those programmes who remain on our database as “closed”. This communication will seek formal consent from the education provider that ongoing approval can be withdrawn from the programme.

It is anticipated that the Education Executive will present a paper to Committee in December 2010 with a list of programmes where consent to withdraw ongoing approval has been given. It is also anticipated that this paper will include a list of programmes from which we have not received consent and for which we will ask Committee to commence proceedings to withdraw ongoing approval.

Decision

None at this time.

Background Information

- Withdrawal of approval from historic programmes - Education and Training Committee, September 2007

Resource implications

None at this time.

Financial implications

None at this time.

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