

## Education and Training Committee – 6 March 2014

### Guidance for disabled people wanting to become health and care professionals - update

#### Executive summary and recommendations

##### **Introduction**

In March 2013, the Committee agreed plans for reviewing and revising the current guidance for disabled people wanting to become health and care professionals; 'A disabled person's guide to becoming a health professional' first published in 2006.

As part of this review, the Executive commissioned research to inform the forthcoming revisions of this guidance in June 2013. The primary purpose of this research was to gather the views and experiences of disabled students studying on HCPC approved programmes and those of other groups such as admissions staff, educators, practice placement educators and staff working in student disability services, to inform recommendations on revisions to the existing guidance. This research was carried out by a team at Coventry University who interviewed 107 participants in total.

Based on their findings the team has suggested a range of possible changes to the guidance around updating the content, making stylistic changes to improve accessibility and increasing the prominence of the guidance. The Executive is currently in the process of agreeing final changes to the research team's report, which will be presented to the Committee in full at its meeting in June. An updated timetable for the overall review is attached for the Committee's information.

##### **Decision**

This paper is to note; no decision is required.

##### **Background information**

- Paper for Education and Training Committee, 14 November 2013  
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- Paper for Education and Training Committee, 6 June 2013,  
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- Paper for Education and Training Committee, 7 March 2013,  
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**Resource implications**

None as a result of this paper

**Financial implications**

None as a result of this paper

**Appendices**

None

**Date of paper**

14 February 2014

## Timetable for review of guidance for people wanting to become health and care professionals

Action	Timetable
Invitation for research proposals (9 weeks to deadline)	From 7 March 2013
Further preparatory work including desk research	Completion June 2013
Deadline for research proposals	10 May 2013
Research team appointed	By 21 June 2013
Final research report submitted	Pending
Finalise revisions to guidance	February 2014 to June 2014
Final research report to note	June 2014 (Education and Training Committee)
Discussion / approval of guidance for public consultation	June 2014 (Education and Training Committee) and July 2014 (Council)
Public consultation (12 weeks)	July to September 2014
Consultation analysis and revised guidance for approval	November 2014 (Education and Training Committee) and December 2014 (Council); or March 2015 (Education and Training Committee and Council) dependent on volume of responses
Publication of revised guidance	January 2015 or April / May 2015