Operations Report to Finance & Resources Committee, 17th November 2008

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Registrations – Richard Houghton									
Summary	Applications for readmission took an average of five working								
This paper provides an update from the Registration Department for the period 1 August 2008 to 30 September 2008.	days to process which is well within our service standard of processing applications within ten working days of receipt.								
1) Operational Performance	ii) International Applications - A total of 339 new international applications were received in this period and 236 individuals								
a) Telephone Calls	were registered. Applications were on average being processed within six weeks of receipt which exceeds our service standard of								
i) UK Telephone Calls - During the period from 1 August 2008 to 30 September 2008 the team received a total of 13,572	processing applications within three months of receipt of all documents.								
telephone calls which is 851 more than the same period two years ago and also answered 1,503 more telephone calls when compared to this period. The team answered 97% of all	c) Emails								
telephone calls received.	I) UK Emails - The team received approximately 50/60 emails per day and responded to these on average within one day of								
ii) International Telephone Calls - During the period from 1 August 2008 to 30 September 2008 the team received a total of	receipt which is well within our service standard of five working days.								
1,942 telephone calls which is 1,551 less than the same period two years ago. The team answered 91% of telephone calls received.	ii) International Emails - The team received approximately 30/40 emails per day and managed to respond to these within one day of receipt which compares favourably with our service								
b) Application Processing	standard of five working days response time.								

i) UK Applications - A total of 3,287 new applications were received during this period which is 493 more than the same period last year and 3,344 individuals were registered which is 571 more than the same period in 2007. Applications took on average six working days to process which is well within our service standard of processing applications within ten working days of receipt. As at the 27 October 2008 the team were processing applications within five working days.

d) Registration Renewal

At the start of September 2008 9,464 operating department practitioners were invited to renew their registration.

e) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Audit

We requested CPD profiles from 5 per cent of chiropodists / podiatrists, the first profession to be audited for CPD, at the beginning of May 2008. We have held 6 CPD assessment days which have taken place over the summer and this approach has been very successful. At the beginning of September 2008 we requested CPD profiles from 5 per cent of operating department practitioners. The first assessment day for this profession is on the 31 October 2008.

2) Resource

a) Employees

The department is operating within the budgeted headcount.

3) National Customer Service Week (NCSW)

The Registration Department celebrated NCSW which is designed to raise awareness of customer service and the vital role it plays within an organisation. It is also an opportunity to say a big thank you to those who work in customer service for a job well done. By supporting NCSW, we showed our dedication and support to customer service by highlighting its value to the HPC and sending out a meaningful message to others.

The weeks events were organised by volunteers from the team and supported by our colleagues from across the organisation. The events were chosen carefully to help us celebrate the success of the Registration Department Team whilst also being informative and fun.

The events included:

Daily Quiz Job shadowing Presentations from other HPC departments Presentations from registrants Badge making Presentation from the Institute of Customer Service Positive customer feedback award ceremony

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HPC Major Projects November FY 2008/9 Narrative

No.	Project name	Commentary
MP3	On-boarding of Practitioner Psychologists	 Project is being reported as amber as the Department of Health are indicating that further legislative delays may be encountered.
MP4	On-boarding of the Hearing Aid Council	 Due to legislative delays the anticipated go-live date for Hearing Aid Audiologists is now 1st January 10 with a project completion date of 1st April 10
MP34	Online applications and renewals Phase 1	 Analysis work of the infrastructure required to host online renewals has concluded that our current Internet Service Provider will not be able to provide our preferred architecture solution. Therefore an additional work package has been included in the project to allow for a tender process to appoint an additional Internet Service Provider to host the online renewals service, all other hosting will continue with the existing supplier. The impact of this additional piece of work has caused the go-live date for the system to be pushed out to 18^h September 2009 and the project completion date to 1st November 2009 Please see separate report for further details.

HPC Major Projects 2008/9 Scorecard

No.	Prior ity	Project name	Project Description	Project Sponsor	Project Lead	Project Brief	Project Plan	Business Reqs (if IT)	08/09 Budget*	Due Date	Status
MP2	2b	Continuing Professional Development (CPD)	Implementation of processes to audit & track registrants' evidence of CPD.	G Ross- Sampson	R Houghton	Y	Y	Y		30/04/09	
MP3	2b	On-boarding of the Practitioner Psychologists	On-boarding of the Practitioner Psychologists	G Ross- Sampson	R Houghton	Y	Y	Y	£15 (C) £156 (O)	14/12/08 10/02/09 10/07/09 03/09/09	
MP4	2b	On-boarding of Hearing Aid Council	Absorption of the Hearing Aid Council	G Ross- Sampson	R Houghton	Y	Y	N	£15 (C) £19 (O)	01/04/09 01/04/10	
MP30	2c	Registration fee change 09	Realignment of registration fee charges	M Seale	S Leicester	Y	Y	NA	£2 (C) £14.5 (O)	15/06/09	
MP24	2d	Stannary street	Refurbishment of Stannary Street building	M Seale	S Hall	N	N	N		31/01/08 10/03/08	Complete subject to final invoice

HPC Major Projects 2008/9 Scorecard

No.	Priority	Project name	Project Description	Project Sponsor	Project Lead	Project Brief	Project Plan	Business Reqs (if IT)	08/09 Budget*	Due Date	Status
MP27	3	Replacement of Finance system Phase 2	Roll out of online purchase order approval system	S Leicester	M Cheema	Y	Y	Y	£5 (C)	18/07/08	Complete subject to lessons learned report
MP32	2b	Equality and Diversity Phase 2	Implementation of changes to allow HPC to provide demographic statistics of registrants to the DH	G Ross Sampson	R Houghton	Y	Y	Y	£30 (C) £9.5 (O)	28/02/09	
MP33	3	FTP Net regulate statuses rationalisation	Operational and technology changes to optimise use of registrations system within FTP	M Seale	K Johnson	Y	Y	Y	£64 (C)	30/04/09	
MP34	4	Online Applications and Renewals Phase 1	Providing registrants the ability to renew online	M Seale	G Ross- Sampson	Y	Y	Y	£300 (C) £22 (O)	20/03/09 01/11/09	

Staffing

There are six permanent employees including the Facilities Manager. Services provided include Reception, Building Maintenance, Post Room, Catering, Health and Safety, Insurance, and Building Project Management.

22-26 Stannary Street Building Project

The final invoice value for Phase 1 works is being negotiated on HPC's behalf by Davis Langdon, Cost Consultants and Quantity Surveyors for the project – see a separate paper. Phase 2 design work is progressing and a planning application has been lodged with the local authority. It is anticipated that the project will be tendered by the end of the current financial year.

Health and Safety Issues

A full compliment of combined Health & Safety and Fire Safety representatives is now in place and the Fire and Safety Team (FAST) will shortly be meeting for the first time.

Facilities Management survey

The employees of HPC where recently asked to take part in an on-line customer satisfaction survey in respect of the Facilities Department and the services it offers. The results are expected shortly and the outcomes will be shared with all employees.

Security

It is anticipated that the sliding doors to Stannary Street will be accessible for all employees within the next week. Access will only be via Swipe card between the hours of 08:00 - 18:00, Monday to Friday.

Human Resources

No changes.

Quality Management System (QMS) review meetings and internal audits

Below is a list of recent quality management system reviews:

- Information & Data security / Evaluation of potential new systems review
- Procurement updates have been completed and subsequently audited.

QMS process updates

Project Management has been moved from Company wide processes to Support processes, reflecting its status as an operational department rather than just a process.

Information & Data security work across HPC – is ongoing The Poynter Review on the HMRC data loss has been analysed for lessons we may glean from the review process across government departments. The content is being discussed internally.

The HPC response to CHRE's report on NMC has been evaluated as part of the ISO Risk based audit approach.

BSI Audit

The BSI audit was completed on 23rd October 2008. This external audit reviewed all Internal Quality Audits since April 2008, and then specifically audited Education - Approvals & Monitoring; Partner Appointments and Contracts; Secretariat;

Project Management; Management system organisation & review process.

Purchasing and Procurement were considered low risk and so a process description and evaluation of the scale of tendering sufficed.

We retain our certification. A copy of the report is attached. The next BSI Audit dates for 2009 will be circulated shortly.

Business Continuity

The Communications management plan is being enhanced to allow for multiple scenarios for which it may be used.

Further departmental tests are taking place over the next months, Education, Registrations, FTP. Details will be provided once testing has been completed.

Information & Data Management

Significant effort has been put into analysing the results of the first CPD audit. This work has been provided to the Education and Training Committee. We are evaluating additional insurance to cover our data protection requirements at the paper archive, due to the reluctance of suppliers to take on our required levels of liability.

The archive stakeholder group are examining the responses as part of the decision making process.

A view will be taken of security and cost to determine the winner of the tender process.

Assessment Report Health Professions Council

Report Author Lisa Clarke Visit Start Date 23/10/2008



Introduction

This report has been compiled by Lisa Clarke and relates to the assessment activity detailed below:

Visit ref/Type/Date/Duration	Certificate/Standard	Site address
7093042	FS 83074	Health Professions Council
Continuing assessment	BS EN ISO 9001:2000	Park House
23/10/2008		184 Kennington Park Road
		London
1 day(s)		SE11 4BU
No. Employees: 115		United Kingdom

The objective of the assessment was to ensure that Health Professions Council continue to operate according to their ISO 9001:2000 compliant quality management system.

Management Summary

The areas assessed during the course of the visit were found to be effective.

There were no outstanding nonconformities to review from previous assessments.

No new nonconformities were identified during the assessment. Enhanced detail relating to the overall assessment findings is contained within subsequent sections of the report.

Areas Assessed & Findings

Secretariat

The various processes within secretariat are managed by way of a year calendar. All tasks are entered into the calendar and regular team meetings are held to discuss progress on the items in hand and any forthcoming work.

Monitoring of the work undertaken is informal and based on the experience of the staff within the team.

Education (Approvals & Monitoring)

The Education team number 10 and they are split into two further groups with a regional focus. Their responsibilities include new approvals, annual monitoring and major programme changes by education providers.

Work is managed through a series of electronic checklists which are completed in real time to show what progress has taken place. This also shows the status of tasks in hand. Team meetings are held regularly to discuss progress and ensure that all elements of the process are taking place on time so that timescales can be met as necessary.

Project Management

The project management team support the entire organisation in the implementation of large scale projects which would otherwise have a huge impact on the daily activities of other departments. They work on an annual plan and this is carefully prioritized according to strict criteria.

Each project has a charter which sets out the key information about how the project will be run. A sponsor and lead are also nominated. Again, checklists are used to record key stage actions which also shows the status of work in hand. Regular reviews are held to update the year plan to show progress on a weekly basis.

Purchasing & Supplier Evaluation

Major purchases which may impact on the service provided by the Health Professions Council are generally decided by way of tender. This formalised process ensures the relevant checks and approvals are made and includes ongoing review of service once the tender has been awarded. The tender process has recently taken place for travel services.

Partners are engaged on a contractual basis to assist with evaluation of records/information and assessment visits. There is a strict process to follow to ensure that relevant checks are made and references are gathered. Sampling of this process was undertaken and all necessary records were on file as required.

Any subsequent performance problems/feedback issues will in future be captured through the appraisal process. Clear communication has been organised to ensure that partners are no longer used if the decision has been taken to terminate their contract.

Assessment Participants

On behalf of the organisation:

Name	Position
Mr Roy Dunn	Head of Business Process Improvement
Mr Thomas Berrie	Information Services Manager
Ms Niamh O'Sullivan	Secretary to Council
Ms Abigail Creighton	Director of Education
Mrs Claire Reed	Project Manager
Ms Kathryn Neushafer	Partner Manager

The assessment was conducted on behalf of BSI by:

Name	Position
Lisa Clarke	Team leader

Continuing Assessment

The programme of continuing assessment is detailed below.

Site Address	Certificate Reference/Visit Cycle								
Health Professions Council	FS 83074								
Park House 184 Kennington Park Road	Visit interval:	6 months							
London	Visit duration:	7 hours							
SE11 4BU United Kingdom	Next re-certification:	01/04/2007							

Re-certification by Strategic Review will be conducted on completion of the cycle, or sooner as required. The review will focus on the strengths and weaknesses of your Management System.

Certification Assessment Plan

		Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3	Visit 4	Visit 5	Visit 6
Business area/Location	Date (mm/yy):	10/07	04/08	10/08	04/09	10/09	04/10
	Duration (days):	1	1	1	1	1	1
Registrations UK							
Registrations International							
Registrations Grandparenting							
Communications							
Approvals & Monitoring							
Fitness to Practice							
HR/Partner Validation							
Purchasing & supplier evaluation							
Secretariat							
Customer Services							
Finance							
Management System Organisation and Review							
Senior Management Interview							
Preparation for Strategic Review							
Strategic Review							
Staff development and Training							
Policy							

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Visit Start Date 23/10/2008

Next Visit Plan

Visit objectives:

The objective of the next visit is to sample from the areas detailed in the 3 year assessment plan to seek evidence of ongoing compliance to the quality system.

Visit scope:

This will be conducted as follows:

Date	Assessor	Time	Area/Process	Clause
	Lisa Clarke	09.30	Opening meeting	
	Lisa Clarke	10.15	Registrations - grandparenting	
	Lisa Clarke	11.15	Fitness to Practice	
	Lisa Clarke	12.30	Lunch	
	Lisa Clarke	13.30	Quality management system organisation and review	
	Lisa Clarke	15.00	Report writing and closing meeting	

Please note that BSI reserves the right to apply a charge equivalent to the full daily rate for cancellation of the visit by the organisation within 30 days of an agreed visit date. It is a condition of Registration that a deputy management representative be nominated. It is expected that the deputy would stand in should the management representative find themselves unavailable to attend an agreed visit within 30 days of its conduct.

Report Author Lisa Clarke

Notes

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