

Standards of proficiency for applied psychologists
Professional Liaison Group (PLG)
12 October 2007

Workplan

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

A copy of the group's workplan is attached to note.

Unless otherwise dictated by a change in government policy, the applied psychology disciplines to be regulated and therefore which require standards of proficiency are as follows:

- Clinical psychologists
- Counselling psychologists
- Educational psychologists
- Forensic psychologists
- Health psychologists
- Occupational psychologists
- Sport and exercise psychologists

Discussion at the last meeting

At the last meeting, the group discussed the existence of a group of psychologists who were chartered and held practising certificates but who did not hold membership of a relevant British Psychological Society (BPS) division and therefore were not covered by one of the adjectival titles above.

The group noted at the last meeting that the resolution of this issue was not within the group's remit and that discussions were ongoing with the department of health on this issue.

The Executive understands that discussions are continuing between the department of health and the BPS on this issue. We understand that this has been around arrangements for individuals in this position to gain divisional membership or become registered via the grandparenting arrangements, as appropriate.

At present, this situation does not impact upon the group's work.

Decision

The PLG is invited to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

The copy of the workplan considered by the group at its last meeting is appended. However, it is anticipated that the results of the consultation will now be considered at meetings of the Education and Training Committee and Council in February 2008 and not via electronic methods as detailed in the original workplan.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

None

Date of paper

2 October 2007

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1. PLG sponsor

The Council

2. PLG Mission Statement / Terms of reference

To draft the standards of proficiency for psychologists.

The PLG should consider all relevant information in drafting the standards which might include:

- national occupational standards for psychologists;
- standards produced by the British Psychological Society; and
- the subject benchmark statement for Psychology produced by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).

3. Meetings

The PLG should conclude its work in no more than three meetings.

4. Membership

The PLG should consist of up to ten members. Membership should be drawn from amongst the following groups:

- council members – registrant and lay;
- representatives from the British Psychological Society and other representative organisations;
- representatives from education providers; and
- representatives from patient organisations.

The PLG should be chaired by a member of Council. The Chair and President will be responsible for agreeing the exact membership of the PLG.

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5. Timetable and outline of activities

The following is a draft timetable for the PLG's work and includes an outline of the group's activities at each meeting.

The plan assumes that the work will not be concluded in less than three meetings and that an applied psychologists part of the Register will not open before 1 April 2008. As this date is subject to change, any subsequent alterations to the timetable will be agreed with the chair.

12th June 2007

- Education and Training Committee meeting – recommendation of workplan to Council

5th July 2007

- Council meeting – approval of workplan

September 2007

1st meeting of PLG early September

- First draft of standards
- Legal context and background of the standards
- Other standards and frameworks (e.g. mapping of existing standards of proficiency against QAA benchmark statements).

Late September/ early October 2007

2nd Meeting late September/ early October

- Second draft of standards

October 2007

3rd meeting October

- Final draft of standards

Standards to be approved for consultation via chair's action of the chair of the Education and Training Committee.

November 2007 to January 2008

Public consultation

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February 2008

Writing of consultation responses and revision of draft standards following consultation. Decisions arising from the consultation will take place with the agreement of the PLG chair and in liaison with the PLG membership.

Electronic ratification of new standards by the Education and Training Committee and by Council.

Laying out and publication of new standards in advance of the opening date of the Register.

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