

Psychotherapists and Counsellors Professional Liaison Group (PLG)  
3 and 4 March 2009

PLG workplan

Executive summary and recommendations

**Introduction**

A copy of the PLG's workplan is attached, incorporating a revised plan of activities.

**Decision**

This paper is to note.

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

None

**Appendices**

None

**Date of paper**

23 February 2009

# **Psychotherapists and Counsellors Professional Liaison Group (PLG) Workplan**

## **1. PLG sponsor**

The Council

## **2. PLG Mission Statement / Terms of reference**

To investigate and make recommendations to the Council on the future regulation of counselling and psychotherapy. The group should discuss and recommend the following:

- Structure of the Register
- Protected title(s)
- Voluntary register transfer and Grandparenting arrangements
- Standards of Proficiency
- Standards of Education and Training

The group should also collect information about potential registrant numbers, voluntary registers and existing education and training programmes.

At the chair's discretion, the group may wish to consider and make recommendations about other matters which are relevant to the statutory regulation of psychotherapists and counsellors, but which do not fall under these headings.

The group's recommendations will inform the Council's recommendations to the Secretary of State for Health.

## **3. Meetings**

The timetable allows for five meetings.

## **4. Membership**

The membership of the PLG has been determined.

## **5. Timetable**

The following is a timetable for the PLG's work.

The plan assumes five meetings and that the Council will consider the outcomes of the group's work, identify any next steps and finalise its recommendations to the Secretary of State at its meeting in July 2009.

Meetings will be 10.30am to 3.30pm unless otherwise agreed with the Chair.

This is an indicative timetable. Any subsequent minor alterations to the timetable will be agreed with the chair.

### **4 December 2008**

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

### **28 and 29 January 2009**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting

### **3 and 4 March 2009**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting

### **29 April 2009**

- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting 2009

### **26 and 27 May 2009**

- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting

## **Appendix 1: Indicative plan of activities**

This plan of activities is subject to change in light of the group's discussion.

### **First meeting**

- Department of Health presentation on the statutory regulation process
- HPC presentation – introducing the PLG's work
- Overview of responses to the call for ideas
- Preliminary discussion of key issues

### **Second meeting (2 day meeting)**

- Structure of the Register and protected titles.

### **Third meeting (2 day meeting)**

- Voluntary register transfers.
- Grandparenting.
- Education and Training.
- Standards of proficiency.

### **Fourth meeting**

- Standards of proficiency.
- Protecting the title 'counsellor'

### **Fifth meeting (2 day meeting)**

- Standards of proficiency.
- Education and training.