

Executive Summary and Recommendations

This report is of progress made on the Professional Liaison Group and the recommendations made at the Education and Training Committee on 14 May 2003.

The timetable for the PLG is linked to the making of the Rules but within that framework it may still be indicative.

The Chairman and Secretary can report verbally on any developments since the Committee meeting.

The Council is asked to agree the recommendations and take any further decisions needed at this stage.

Professional Liaison Group for “Approvals”

Mission Statement (Rationale)

Members of the Education and Training Committee are being consulted on this.

Membership and Convenor / Sponsor

Suggestions for nominations are being sought from ETC members. The convenor must be a Council member appointed by the Group itself and Prof. Brook's name was proposed at ETC on 14 May 2003.

The Secretary will be Ms C. Savage.

Terms of Reference

To develop procedures and an ethos for the approval (and re-approval) of programmes, institutions, examinations and tests under Part IV 15(5) – (7) of the Health Professions Order, 2001.

“ (5) In performing the function mentioned in paragraph (4)(b) the Committee may in particular, approve, or arrange with others to approve –

- (a) A course of education or training which the Committee is satisfied confers or would confer on persons completing it successfully the standards of proficiency mentioned in paragraph (1);
- (b) Qualifications which are granted following success in an examination, or some other appropriate assessment, taken as part of an approved course of education or training;

(c) institutions which the Committee considers to be properly organised and equipped for conducting the whole or part of an approved course of education or training;

(d) such tests of competence or knowledge of English as it may require.

(6) In connection with paragraph (5), the Committee may approve or arrange with others to approve a course of education or training run outside the United Kingdom by an institution to which paragraph 5(c) applies.

(7) The Council shall from time to time publish a statement of the criteria which will be taken into account in deciding whether to give approval under paragraph (5). ”.

Plan of Activities

To map existing procedures and evaluate them against the Order.

To devise procedures fully compliant with the Order.

To consult on those procedures.

To develop in parallel an operating manual for the procedures.

To meet virtually and, at least once, physically.

To deal with any other business remitted to it.

Timetable

To start work in June 2003 and to present recommendations in Spring 2004 for implementation within a year of the Rules being made.

Budget

An initial budget of up to £10,000 has been established under the Council’s authority.

Terms of Reference for Individual Members

PLG

PLG Member Role

PLG Duration

Main Purpose of Role

Position

Scope of Role

Dimensions and limits of Authority

ROLE HOLDER

CONVENOR :