

## **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE OF THE REGISTER HELD ON 21 JULY 2003**

Venue: Avonmouth House, 6 Avonmouth Street, London, SE1 6 NX

Attendance: As per groups 1,2 and 3 below. Shaheen Chaudhry was present at the morning session.

### **Group 1**

Chiropractors	Pam Sabine
Physiotherapists	Robert Jones
Clinical Scientists	John Old
Dietitians	Morag MacKellar
	Robert Clegg
	Christine Farrell
	Ann Foster

### **Feedback from Christine Farrell**

The role of HPC is to protect the public however the Council must keep in mind and understand the sensitivities of the professions.

The Council also needs to ensure that the Council election system is fair.

The Council understands that registrant members and alternates are not on Council to represent a specific group however these members have to keep the interests of their profession in mind when carrying out their functions as a Council member.

Group one suggested five options for the future structure of Council.

- (i) No increase in numbers of Council members – all additional professions could be incorporated into the existing Register and/or through mergers of existing groups.
- (ii) Increase numbers on Council by four members (to include two new groups on the Register) – need for discussions regarding criteria.

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- (iii) Create four generic categories for existing and new groups)
  - (i) Scientists/therapists(to be defined)
  - (ii) Technologists (to be defined)
  - (iii) Technicians(to be defined)
  - (iv) Assistants (to be defined)
  
- (v) Create another Council to deal with those professions we cannot include on Register. (e.g. for complementary therapists and assistants. DoH suggestion based on current DoH work on Human Resources working party-to report 2004)
  
- (vi) Existing Register plus 4 categories - put new professions into these additional categories

**Group 2**

- Orthoptists Helen Davis
  
- Medical Laboratory Technician (Biomedical Scientist) Neil Willis
  
- Occupational Therapists Mary Crawford
  
- Radiographers Rosemary Klem
  
- Tony Hazell
  
- Colin Lea
  
- Jacqueline Stark

**Feedback from Mary Crawford**

The structure of the Register has to be dealt with by the creation of a long-term strategy.

In the long-term Council could grow to a maximum of 31 members.

There would be an incremental approach to increasing the size of Council. And altering the register over time opt accommodate new professions

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The 12 registrant members should remain as at present with the addition of a registrant and alternate member for the Applied Psychologists and the Operating Department Practitioners. One spare seat could remain for an unnamed profession or professions; if possible this would remain unallocated.

In the longer term all professions would become part of four groups. The merging or removal of some registrant places on Council would ensure that Council will grow to a maximum of 15 or less registrant members.

- (i) Healthcare Scientist;
- (ii) (ii) Healthcare Therapist;
- (iii) (iii) Psychotherapist (y) practitioners
- (iv) Perioperative care

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### Group 3

Arts Therapists Diane Waller

Paramedics Joanna Manning

Speech and Language Therapists Jacqueline Pearce

John Lilleyman

Keith Ross

Barbara Stuart

### Feedback from Keith Ross

Numbers on Council must be kept between 20 and 40 members.

Whatever decisions Council takes with regard to this will be unpopular and therefore there is a need for careful communication and marketing around this issue.

#### Way Forward

In the long term we need to break the link between the membership of Council and specific professions

Create generic groups

- (i) Psychologists Therapists
- (ii) Diagnostics
- (iii) Clinical Technologists
- (iv) Clinical Scientists
- (v) Clinical Imaging

In the interim the Psychologists should be given their own seat on Council and Operating Department Practitioners should become part of a generic group.

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**NEXT STEPS (as agreed by all groups)**

- (i) Secretary to draft notes of the meeting and circulate to all Council members
- (ii) The Executive to draft a position paper on a range of options based on the notes of the meeting
- (iii) Professional Bodies of professions regulated by HPC and aspirant professions to be included in a consultation regarding this matter
- (iv) The HPC should comment on the Department of Health consultation document regarding Operating Department Practitioners when issued for consultation.

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