

Health Professions Council
Council 7th July 2005

**Final decision on the inclusion of ODP's in the
Standards of Education and Training (SETs)**

1. Introduction

In line with the Health Professions Order 2001 (Article 15.(1)-(3)) the HPC undertook a consultation into the inclusion of the Operating Department Practitioners in the Standards of Education and Training. At the March ETC meeting, the committee approved the consultation paper which was then sent to all education providers, professional bodies, ODP employers and a range of other interested parties.

The consultation concluded on 11 March 2005 and the analysis of the responses has now been completed. Of the 13 responses received, only five had substantial comment to make. Of the five with comment, none of the responses were sufficient to prompt a reassessment of the proposed threshold entry level standard.

2. Decision

The Council is asked to agree (on recommendation from the ETC):

That in light of the responses to the consultation, the Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice for Operating Department Practitioners be included in the Standards of Education and Training at 1.1.5. The SETs document will now read

1. Level of qualification for entry to the Register:

1.1 The Council normally expects that the **threshold** entry routes to the Register will be the following:

1.1.1 Bachelor degree with honours for the following professions:

- chiropody or podiatry;
- dietetics;
- occupational therapy;
- orthoptics;
- physiotherapy;
- prosthetics and orthotics;
- radiography;
- speech and language therapy;
- biomedical science (with the Certificate of Competence awarded by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS), or equivalent if appropriate); and

1.1.2 Masters degree for the arts therapies.

1.1.3 Masters degree for the clinical sciences (with the award of the Association of Clinical Scientists' Certificate of Attainment, or equivalent).

1.1.4 Equivalent to Certificate of Higher Education for paramedics.

1.1.5 Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice for

Operating Department Practitioners.

3. Background information

In brief, the responses to the analysis of the consultation were as follows:

The HPC received 13 responses to the consultation paper in total. Of the thirteen responses, the comments were as follows:

- 2 had no material comment to make
- 6 welcomed the proposed change with no further comment
- 5 had substantial comments or suggestions to make

The responses came from a range of sources which are identified as:

- 5 NHS trusts/hospitals/strategic health authorities
- 2 Professional Bodies
- 4 Training centres/Education providers
- Health Professions Wales
- 1 Private

4. Resource implications

There are no resource implications.

5. Financial implications

Reprinting of SETs booklet.

6. Background papers

None

7. Appendices

None

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