

Health Professions Council
Council meeting, 14th December 2006
Review of the standards of proficiency for operating department practitioners

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

At its meeting on 28th September 2006, the Education and Training Committee agreed a workplan to review the profession-specific standards of proficiency for operating department practitioners and recommended its approval by the Council.

The workplan is attached at appendix 1. The Committee further agreed that the members of the Committee attending the discussion meeting in February as part of the review would be:

Eileen Thornton
Alan Mount
Sheila Drayton

The meeting has been scheduled for 8th February 2007.

Decision

The Council is invited to approve the attached workplan.

Background information

The grandparenting period for operating department practitioners ended on 17th October 2006.

During the recent review of the standards of proficiency for the first 12 professions, the Professional Liaison Group (PLG) took into account the reviews of the Association of Operating Department Practitioners (AODP) and other operating department practitioner stakeholders in considering whether changes were necessary to the generic standards.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

Appendix 1: Workplan for review of the standards of proficiency for operating department practitioners

Date of paper

1st December 2006

Date	Ver.	Dept/Cmte	Doc Type	Title	Status	Int. Aud.
2006-10-31	a	POL	PPR	ODP SOPs review - paper for Council approval	Final DD: None	Public RD: None

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1. Terms of Reference

To review the profession-specific standards of proficiency for operating department practitioners to ensure that the profession-specific standards are set at an appropriate level and reflect current practice as experienced by registrants, employers and educators.

2. Lead

Education and Training Committee

3. Plan

The review should consider a variety of evidence including:

- information from professional bodies;
- a review of fitness to practise competence cases involving operating department practitioners to date;
- information from registration assessors;
- information from visitors; and
- information from education providers.

The review should draw on the work undertaken during the review of the standards of proficiency for the first twelve professions regulated.

4. Plan of Activities

The following is a suggested plan of activities for the review:

October/ December 2006

Professional bodies invited to comment about profession-specific standards for operating department practitioners.

January / February 2007

Discussion meeting held with representatives from professional bodies and the Education and Training Committee. Papers circulated in advance of meeting to include papers on the topics described in 3 above.

Appendix 1

March 2007

Recommendations considered by the Education and Training Committee at meeting on 28th March 2007.

May 2007

New standards approved for consultation by Council on 31st May 2007.

July/ August/ September 2007

Public consultation

November 2007

Results of consultation and standards (amended as necessary) considered by the Council.

January 2008

Publication of new standards

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2006-10-31	a	POL	PPR	Appendix 1 to Council paper	Final DD: None	Public RD: None