

Health Professions Council – 11 December 2008

Continuing Professional Development: Proposed consultation

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

The Education and Training Committee held on 2 December 2008 received a paper from the Executive on six continuing professional development (CPD) profiles submitted by individual chiropodists/podiatrists.

The profiles had contained substantial sections of text which were identical or very similar. Following legal advice, each of the six registrants had been asked to confirm that the profile was a true reflection of the CPD activities they had undertaken and to explain how the profile had been prepared. A CPD training provider had subsequently contacted HPC to explain that they had compiled the profiles on behalf of the registrants. The Executive obtained legal advice that the guidance for CPD should be revised to take account of the situation.

The Education and Training Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that a consultation should be held on amending the standards of continuing professional development, to require that CPD profiles should be prepared by the individual registrant without outside assistance.

The Education and Training Committee agreed to authorise the Chairman to approve a consultation document on the proposed amendment to the standards of continuing professional development.

Decision

The Council is asked to agree that a consultation should be held to amend the standards of continuing professional development to require that CPD profiles should be prepared by the individual registrant without outside assistance.

Background information

Please see paper presented to the Education and Training Committee on 2 December 2008, available online at: www.hpc-uk.org/assets/documents/10002599education_and_training_committee_20081202_enclosure23.pdf

Resource implications

None.

Financial implications

To be determined.

Appendices

None.

Date of paper

10 December 2008.