

Health Professions Council – 1 October 2008

Reports from Council representatives at external meetings

Executive summary and recommendations

**Introduction**

The attached feedback forms have been received from the following members of Council, reporting back from meetings at which they have represented the HPC;

Jacki Pearce (1)

Neil Willis (1)

**Decision**

The Council is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

None

**Appendices**

None

**Date of paper**

19 September 2008

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**FEEDBACK SHEET TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE MEETING**

<b>Name of Council Member</b>	Jacki Pearce
<b>Title of Conference/Meeting</b>	ISBHaSC Board Meeting
<b>Date of Conference</b>	27-08-08
<b>Approximate number of people at the conference/meeting</b>	20
<b>Issues of Relevance to HPC</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Board member Paul Goss from Intellect</b></li> <li>• <b>ISBHaSC has identified the need for an agreed definition of the terms “Collection” (of data) and “Burden” ( of data collection) There is an existing Cabinet definition of burden but now looking at benefit offsetting burden. Methodology for assessing burden is historic. No current correlation between burden and benefit.</b></li> <li>• <b>Breach of 18 week waits: breaches can only be identified if all electronic systems are working properly as several providers may be involved in a pathway. Commissioners can use breach information to plan future commissioning patterns.</b></li> <li>• <b>NHS Number: Some current data sets say use of NHS number is optional. This may need to be mandated in future. Secondary User System is predicated on NHS Number being used.</b></li> <li>• <b>Social care Information Standards Notification: Discussion paper presented to the board , setting out a system for publicising approved Social Care information standards ( no mandation system in place at present).</b></li> <li>• <b>Additional issues relating to social care standards for children raised, as this will involve Children, schools and families Dept.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Key Decisions Taken</b>	

# Feedback sheet to be completed after the meeting

Name of Council Member	Neil Willis
Title of Conference/Meeting	Institute of Biomedical Sciences Executive
Date of Conference	27 August 2008
Approximate number of people at the meeting	6
<p><b>Issues of Relevance to HPC</b></p> <p>The meeting was held specifically discuss the implications of the Modernising Scientific Careers and to clarify the views of the IBMS and the Federation of Healthcare Scientists.</p> <p>The review was welcomed but the IBMS is unable to support the initiative and views the MSC as a retrograde step, as the specific details appear to regularly change, comments were directed at the core issues of which there were a number of reservations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The review does not take into account the maturity of current programs that have evolved over time.</li> <li>• The Masters level programs for general registration are not necessary Honours B.Sc. with evidence of acquired skills is a more appropriate level.</li> <li>• It is not clear how HEIs and training centres will be accredited and quality controlled.</li> <li>• A three year training period is expensive and discouraging to well qualified applicants.</li> <li>• The suggested framework is too rigid and should aim to promote best practice.</li> <li>• The Healthcare Scientist Career Pathway bases on meritocracy and supported by all professional bodies appears have been disregarded.</li> <li>• Aspirant groups have been disregarded, ignored or have had their progress towards registration held up for an unacceptable period.</li> <li>• We feel that it is very important that there is a clear route to state registration for all groups of staff</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Key Decisions Taken</b></p> <p>The Institute of Biomedical Sciences is unable to support the MSC project in its existing form</p>	

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