

**Agenda Item 10**

**Enclosure 7**

**Paper ETC 71/02**

## **Education and Training Committee**

**STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO  
ACHIEVE STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY**

**From the Secretary**

**for discussion and agreement**

# **STANDARDS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO ACHIEVE THE "STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY"**

## **1. Background**

The HPO requires HPC to publish explicit standards for approved education and training provision, standards which will ensure those successfully completing courses will meet the Standards of Proficiency.

It must be understood, however, that these standards relate to courses and institutions and help define the professions as a whole. They operate differently from the Standards of Proficiency for the safe and effective practice of individual registrants (or prospective registrants).

## **2. Current Position**

The information needed is already embedded in the separate documents for each profession which can be described, in shorthand, as the "JVC Handbooks" and their equivalents and the various curriculum framework and development papers. Other data sources, such as National Occupational Standards, also feed into this activity.

## **3. Options**

The options are around formatting the data, and particularly the boundary between cross- and uni-professional content of whatever guidance is published.

## **4. Recommendations and Timetable**

This is the single largest task for the Committee in terms of the volume of work involved. It will be remitted to the consultants to start work on 4 December 2002 for completion by 31 March 2003.

In the meantime the Committee is asked to commend the previously circulated work undertaken by the Allied Health Professions as the point of departure for any common statements to be made.

Between 5 November and 4 December the Pre-Registration Education and Training Working Group and the (Internal) Processes Working Group should carry out whatever preparatory work they can on the current body of documentation.