

Agenda Item 12

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Education and Training Committee

**COURSE COMPARISON TO CRITERIA, GUIDANCE
NOTES / POLICY**

From the Secretary

for discussion and agreement

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1. Background

The HPO requires HPC to publish explicit guidance for making judgements about education and training provision. This will form the basic information transmitted to education and training institutions as well as to be used internally.

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 and the Subject Benchmarks.

The equivalent publication elsewhere is the Quality Assurance Agency's Academic Reviewers' Handbook (health version), which has been circulated previously and is available from the office.

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 one of the other large tasks 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 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.