

Professional Liaison Group: Curriculum Guidance

Executive Summary and Recommendations

1. Introduction

The Council's Approvals process is designed to be supported by three key sets of documentation. These are the Standards of Education and Training, the Approvals Process and Handbook, and the HPC Curriculum Guidance. Curriculum Guidance will provide information about the curriculum philosophy, content and processes for each profession.

2. Decision

The Committee is asked to:

approve the paper, and recommend to Council the setting up of a Curriculum Guidance Professional Liaison Group.

3. PLG Sponsor

Education and Training Committee

4. PLG's mission statement

To establish HPC Curriculum Guidance containing generic and profession-specific details.

5. Terms of Reference

The Group will:

- compile a draft of HPC Curriculum Guidance to be presented to the Education and Training Committee and Council for approval prior to consultation;
- draft HPC Curriculum Guidance which consists of generic elements, and profession specific-elements;
- take advice from stakeholders including the professional bodies;
- convene a number of 'satellite groups' for a two-day event, to provide profession-specific advice.

6. Plan of activities

January 2004

Brain-storming meeting.

PLG core membership (6 members).

Outcome: Initial brainstorming/finalise strategy for drafting Curriculum Guidance.

February 2005

Half-day open public meeting. Invite all interested stakeholders to raise issues that should be covered in the Curriculum Guidance.

Half-day meeting of PLG core membership, for further brainstorming based on feedback from morning event.

Outcome: agree generic framework for Curriculum Guidance.

Generic draft, and issues raised, to be posted to members of 'satellite groups' (see below).

March 2005

2 day 'satellite event'

PLG to convene four 'satellite groups', each looking at the profession specific elements of three or four professions' Curriculum Guidance, each group chaired by a member of the PLG core membership. Each satellite group will have a representative from the professional bodies sitting on it, and a visitor.

Outcome: Draft Curriculum Guidance for each profession.

April 2005

2 further day meetings.

PLG core membership.

Outcome: to finalise first draft of guidance, taking into account ideas and input from satellite event.

May

Final draft approved by ETC and Council.

July - Mid August

Consultation on draft Curriculum Guidance.

September/October

Analysis of consultation feedback.

December

Final HPC Curriculum Guidance published and distributed.

5. Membership

The PLG will comprise a 'core group' of six council members, including one lay member.

6. Timetable

The Professional Liaison Group will publish draft Curriculum Guidance for a 6 week consultation which will begin in July 2005. This means that the Curriculum Guidance approved drafts must be ready by the middle of June, so that the documents can be copied and posted to stakeholders. The responses to the consultation will be analysed during October/November, and the final Curriculum Guidance will be published in December 2005. See attached 'plan of activities'.

7. Resource implications

The PLG will be supported by the Manager (Policy) from the Department of Education & Policy.

8. Financial implications

The work of the PLG has been costed at approximately £70,000 as it will involve the production of 13 sets of Curriculum Guidance, one for each profession containing generic guidance and profession-specific guidance (in the same manner as the SoPs). The generic curriculum guidance will be drafted by the core PLG members but the profession-specific elements will require work by a number of satellite groups with representation from all 13 professions.

9. Background papers

None

10. Appendices

None