

Education & Training Committee
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QAA: Common Purpose for Subject Benchmarks
Draft HPC Feedback

Q1 To what extent is the draft statement of common purpose inclusive of the wide range of health and social care professions?

The Council supports the values of the statement but feels that consideration should be given to any potential differences between the four home countries which might render the statement unacceptable UK-wide.

Q2 The statement is drafted under three main headings. Please comment on each of the sections listed below, with suggestions for amendments and additions that you believe appropriate.

- a. Values in health and social care practice*
- b. The practice of health and social care*
- c. Knowledge and understanding for health and social care practice*

The statement reflects a number of the Council's published Standards of Proficiency and is therefore supported by the Council.

Q3 The statement aims to encourage shared learning in health and social care education and training. It seeks to provide higher education institutions and service providers with opportunities for informed curriculum choices that promote improved inter-professional practice. To what extent is the statement 'fit for purpose'?

The Council felt that inter-professional learning had changed in terms of bringing about collaborative practice and that the statement might not necessarily have an impact on curriculum design and shared learning.