

## **Amendments to the Standards of Education and Training**

### **Executive Summary and Recommendations**

#### **Introduction**

The HPC Register for Operating Department Practitioners opened on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2004. The Committee is requested to consider undertaking a consultation to include the proposed ODP qualification of Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice.

#### **Decision**

1. The Education & Training Committee is requested to recommend to Council that a consultation be undertaken to alter the Standards of Education and Training (SET 1. Level of qualification for entry to the Register) to include the ODP qualification of Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice. Following consultation and approval, Standard of Education & Training 1 would read as follows:

##### **“1. Level of qualification for entry to the Register:**

1.1 The Council normally expects that the **threshold** entry routes to the Register will be the following:

1.1.1 Bachelor degree with honours for the following professions:

- chiropody or podiatry;
- dietetics;
- occupational therapy;
- orthoptics;
- physiotherapy;
- prosthetics and orthotics;
- radiography;
- speech and language therapy;
- biomedical science (with the Certificate of Competence awarded by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS), or equivalent if appropriate); and

1.1.2 Masters degree for the arts therapies.

1.1.3 Masters degree for the clinical sciences (with the award of the Association of Clinical Scientists' Certificate of Attainment, or equivalent).

1.1.4 Equivalent to Certificate of Higher Education for paramedics.

##### ***1.1.5 Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice for Operating Department Practitioners”***

2. The Committee is requested to recommend to Council that the following stakeholders to be included in the consultation:
  - Department of Health
  - Professional Bodies

- The ODP Education Providers (as per following list)

The Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice is delivered by the following education providers:

Suffolk College  
 University of Huddersfield  
 University of Surrey  
 University of Plymouth  
 University of Lancashire  
 South Trent Training Centre (Leicester University)  
 Canterbury Christ Church University  
 Edgehill College  
 University of Central England  
 University of Portsmouth  
 University of Wales, Bangor  
 University of Wales College of Medicine  
 Coventry University  
 Thames Valley University  
 University of Northumbria  
 Anglia Polytechnic University  
 Homerton School of Health Studies  
 University of Hull  
 Bournemouth University  
 Stafford & Keele University  
 Glasgow Caledonian University  
 University of East Anglia.

- Other relevant stakeholders

3. The Committee is requested to recommend to Council that the consultation should be for a period of **six weeks**. The proposed dates are 28<sup>th</sup> January 2005 – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

### **Background information**

None.

### **Resource implications**

Mailout of document  
 Letter printing  
 Executive analysis.

### **Financial implications**

Cost of printing and postage to consultees

### **Background papers**

None

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1. “*Consultation Document for inclusion of ODP’s in the Standards of Education and Training*”

