

**THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL**

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MINUTES of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Education and Training Committee held on **Tuesday 11 April 2006** at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4BU.

**PRESENT:** Miss E Thornton (Chairman)  
 Mrs S Chaudhry  
 Ms G Darwent  
 Ms H Davis  
 Mrs S Drayton  
 Ms C Farrell  
 Professor T Hazell  
 Professor C Lloyd  
 Mr P McFadden  
 Mr A Mount  
 Miss P Sabine  
 Mrs B Stuart  
 Dr Anna van der Gaag

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr C Bendall, Secretary to the Committee  
 Ms A Creighton, Education Manager  
 Ms N O'Sullivan, Secretary to Council  
 Mr G Ross-Sampson, Director of Operations  
 Mr M Seale, Chief Executive and Registrar  
 Ms R Tripp, Policy Manager

**Item 1.06/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Professor N Brook (President), Dr C H Green, Professor J Harper, Mr S Hutchins, Professor J Lucas, Miss G Pearson, Mr D Proctor and Professor D Waller.

**Item 2.06/25 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- 2.1 The Committee approved the agenda.

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2006-04-12	a	ETC	MIN	Education and Training Committee April 2006 strategy meeting minutes	Final DD: None	Public RD: None

### Item 3.06/26 STRATEGIC ISSUES

- 3.1 The Committee noted that, at its meeting on 15 December, it had agreed that it should hold a special meeting to discuss the HPC's draft strategy. The Committee noted that the Council had agreed the strategy on 1 March and would review it following the publication of the review of the General Medical Council (the Donaldson review) and the review of non-medical healthcare regulation (the Foster review).
- 3.2 The Committee noted a number of strategic issues had been identified in the Chairman's Report to the Committee on 29 September 2005, at the Council Awayday on 5 October 2005 and at the Council Workshop on 7 February 2006.
- 3.3 The Committee agreed that it should consider the following strategic issues (the list below does not indicate order of priority):-
- Introduction of revalidation of registrants;
  - Public and Patient Involvement;
  - Regulation of non-professional healthcare workers (assistants);
  - Number of professions regulated by the HPC and resulting impact on structure of the Education and Training Committee;
  - Regulation of Complementary and Alternative Medicine;
  - Relations with stakeholders;
  - Post registration qualifications;
  - The Committee's influence on other organisations' agendas;
  - Registration of students;
  - European legislation and its impact on regulation.
- 3.4 The Committee noted that the Executive regularly reviewed operational processes and took account of stakeholders' feedback. The Committee noted that the Executive was implementing operational arrangements for the audit of registrants' Continuing Professional Development.
- 3.5 The meeting divided into groups to discuss other strategic issues which should be considered and prioritisation of issues.
- 3.6 The Committee agreed that the aim of its strategy should be to influence both internal and external agendas. The Committee agreed that this should be done by Committee members gathering information on developments in their home countries which could impact on the HPC's work and by appointing appropriate representatives to external organisations.
- Action: All Committee members (Ongoing)**
- 3.7 The Committee agreed that it should evaluate the impact of its decisions and that it should develop criteria to measure its influence on

processes and outcomes. The Committee agreed that it was important to communicate its decisions to other HPC committees and to external organisations.

3.8 The Committee agreed that it should work proactively in general and in particular on these aspects:-

- Liaising with Government Departments (UK national government and devolved governments) particularly in relation to the Framework Partnership and registration of non-professional healthcare workers;

**Action: MJS (Ongoing)**

- Post-registration qualifications. The Committee noted that a Professional Liaison Group on this issue was expected to begin meeting later this year. The Committee agreed that it could help to shape the direction of work in this area when the paper establishing the PLG came to the Committee.

3.9 The Committee agreed that the Executive should prepare papers detailing the current situation on these issues:-

- Regulation of non-professional healthcare workers;
- Registration of students;
- European/International impact on the HPC's work;
- Support mechanisms within the HPC for regulated professions and newly regulated professions. The Committee noted that there would be particular resource issues in this respect.

**Action: RT/GR-S (Ongoing)**

3.10 The Committee agreed that, in due course, it would need to produce statements of its position on these issues:-

- Working with Government Departments (UK and devolved government);
- The Framework Partnership;
- Regulation of non-professional healthcare workers;
- Registration of students.

3.11 The Committee agreed that the HPC should do more to address these issues:-

- Reviewing relationships with current and new stakeholders and how to improve relationships;

- Reviewing and considering HPC's support for currently regulated and newly regulated professions (possibly by using HPC's Partners).

**Action: VN/GR-S (Ongoing)**

3.12 The Committee agreed that the following issues would need to await the outcome of the Foster and Donaldson Reviews:-

- Considering revalidation of registrants;
- Patient Public Involvement;
- Regulating Complementary and Alternative Medicine;
- Restructuring the Education and Training Committee to take account of any further professions which were regulated by the HPC;
- Reviewing relationships with Partners (particularly the use of lay Partners).

3.13 The Committee noted that the HPC was in the process of reviewing the Standards of Proficiency and that these would be periodically reviewed in the future. The Committee agreed that, in due course, the HPC would need to review the Standards of Education and Training and the Standards of Continuing Professional Development.

**Item 4.06/27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

4.1 There was no other business.

**Item 5.06/28 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

5.1 The next meeting of the Committee would be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday 13 June 2006.

5.2 Subsequent meetings of the Committee would be held at 10.30 am on:-

Thursday 28 September 2006

Tuesday 5 December 2006

Wednesday 28 March 2007

Tuesday 12 June 2007

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**