

Executive Summary and Recommendation

Introduction

The Council is required to set and publish Standards of Proficiency for each Part of the Register after due consultation. A new Part of the Register cannot be opened before the relevant Standards have been set. In anticipation of the Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) becoming a new Part of the Register, the Council is asked to approve proposed Standards of Proficiency for them, for consultation.

The attached paper is based upon the first draft, received from the Association of Operating Department Practitioners, after consultation with the Education and Training Committee. It shows the HPC's generic Standards of Proficiency with profession-specific Standards for ODPs inserted in italics, and it is these profession-specific Standards that are to be consulted upon. For ease of reference, it also includes the standard foreword, introduction and summary.

The Council's legal adviser advises that there are no legal difficulties with them.

Having consulted the Council's legal adviser and officials at the Department of Health, it is recommended that the Council consult on the Standards for six weeks.

Decision

The Council is recommended to consider the proposed Standards and approve them for consultation, and to agree that the consultation period last for six weeks, to begin as soon as practicable after the Council meeting.