

Health and Care Professions Council – 29 May 2015

Reports from Council representatives at external meetings

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The following feedback has been received from Council Members reporting back from meetings at which they represented the HCPC:

- Elaine Buckley, International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA), 29-30 April 2015; and
- Elaine Buckley, World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress (WCPT), 1-4 May 2015.

Decision

The Council is requested to note the reports.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

The cost for attendance at conferences/meetings has been incorporated into the Council annual budget.

Background papers

None

Appendices

Copies of feedback forms

Date of paper

11 June 2015

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| Name of Council Member | Elaine Buckley |
| Title of event | International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) |
| Date of event | 29-30 April 2015 |
| Approximate attendance at event | 100 |
| Issues of Relevance to HPC | |
| <p>I attended this conference along with Marc Seale, Michael Guthrie and Greg Ross-Sampson. The HCPC was excellently represented through the contributions to the programme from all 3 Executive colleagues.</p> <p>Greg is also a member of the INPTRA Board.</p> <p>The programme was a combination of presentations and workshops. Many countries were represented, all at different stages of maturity with respect to regulation and offering slightly different models. These ranged from a federal based, unprofessional regulatory model, in the USA to a national multi-professional model in the UK.</p> <p>Despite the different models, the participating organisations shared many common principles and challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal objective in ensuring safety of the public. • The importance of regulation to the profession. • Common constituent parts - maintenance of a register, FtP & accreditation of programmes. • Challenges around assurance that registrants maintain their fitness to practice. • Assisting to mobility of the profession globally, whilst ensuring standards are maintained. <p>The event brought with it a range of opportunities for the HCPC including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning from others, as evidenced with our current exchange programme with AHPRA. • Work collaboratively to develop an evidence base within the field of regulation. • Explore potential for shared standards to facilitate mobility among the physiotherapy workforce. • Principles and lessons learnt within physiotherapy can be applied to other professional groups. • Influencing the international agenda on regulation. • Promotion of the HCPC internationally. <p>Personal CPD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very effective induction into international issues relating to healthcare | |

regulation.

- Networking opportunity among the regulation community.
- Oversight of the range of regulatory models in existence internationally.
- Potential idea for collaboration with respect to contributing to the evidence base supporting regulation.

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| Name of Council Member | Elaine Buckley |
| Title of event | World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress (WCPT) |
| Date of event | 1- 4 May 2015 |
| Approximate attendance at event | several thousand delegates over the 4 days |
| Issues of Relevance to HPC | |
| <p>This was a very large international physiotherapy conference, which takes place every 4 years. In selecting the sessions to attend, I focused on the themes most relevant to the work of the HCPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Issues• Regulation• Education• Global Health• Quality & standards <p>The standard of sessions was variable; however the two most outstanding sessions were the Regulatory Networking session which continued the themes and debates from the preceding INPTRA conference, with a wider audience. The second was a workshop aimed at techniques for talking to the media.</p> <p>In addition I presented a poster on the development of the draft Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics. Development of the poster was in collaboration with Michael Guthrie and with the supported of the marketing team, at HCPC. This provided a further opportunity to promote the regulatory model of the HCPC.</p> <p>The conference also provided a number of networking opportunities with, Karen Middleton the CEO of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and other professional and regulatory organisations.</p> <p>Attendance at the Sheffield Hallam University stand throughout the conference meant that costs were able to be shared across the two organisations.</p> | |