

Agenda Item 7

Enclosure 4

Paper ETC 68/02

Education and Training Committee

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO APPROVED COURSES

From the Secretary

for discussion and agreement

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1. Background

The HPO allows the Council via the Committee to set requirements for those entering approved courses as to their academic qualifications, good health, and good character.

2. Current Position

HPC currently operates a policy of working with the other stakeholders (eg. the course authorities for academic requirements and the commissioning bodies for good health and good character) within the broad guidance of :

- a yardstick of three passes in relevant A level Subjects, or *equivalent*
- some evidence of relevant academic accomplishment and aptitude,
- a robust Accreditation of Prior Learning and Experience policy,
- an ability to complete the course, and
- suitability to work in the NHS and local authority social services departments after qualification (by reference to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act).

3. Options

The options here were to move to a very detailed and prescriptive scheme or to work with other stakeholders and issue broad guidance.

The other option was to develop a separate and different set of criteria for good health and good character from those to be developed by the Conduct and Competence Committees (CCC).

4. Recommendations and Timetable

The objective of HPC requirements on admissions should be to work with other stakeholders to ensure that appropriately qualified and motivated students will be admitted to courses against criteria which will be as inclusive as possible. HPC will, however, be anxious to prevent enrolling students who, for whatever reason, cannot complete the course and where that could have been predicted.

It is recommended that the current position set out in para. 2 be continued and that ETC adopt CCC's criteria for good health and good character in future and reflects them into the context of admissions to approved courses.

This policy could be published at the earliest convenient date.