

Education and Training Committee 25 March 2009

Actions List

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

Attached is the actions list as agreed at the last public meeting of this committee.

Decision

The Committee is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

Please refer to previous papers and minutes for the background to decisions.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None

Date of paper

12 January 2009.

Action points

Education and Training Committee – public meeting

2 December 2008

	Action point (and location in the minutes)	For the attention of	Action by	Comments
1	Standards of proficiency and threshold level of qualification for entry to the Register for Hearing Aid Dispensers: Agreed and recommended to the Council: (1) the text of the consultation responses document (subject to minor editing amendments); (2) the text of the standards of proficiency in annex two of the paper (subject to minor editing amendments); (3) that the threshold level of qualification for entry to the hearing aid dispensers part of the Register in the standards of education and training should be set at a foundation degree and read: 'Foundation degree for hearing aid dispensers'. (7.7)	MG	11 December 2008	Actioned. Approved by Council on 11 December 2008.
2	Post-registration qualifications: Executive should develop a policy on the basis of the discussion above and prepare a paper for a future meeting. The Committee agreed that the Executive should take account of the report by the Department of Health working group on extending professional regulation. (8.9)	MG	Ongoing to June 2009	
3	Review of the generic standards of proficiency – Committee: (1) approved the workplan for reviewing the generic standards of proficiency; (2) agreed that members of the Committee should be invited to express interest in a meeting in March or April 2009 to review	(1): MG (2): CB	(1): Ongoing to 2010 (2): By 11 December 2008	(2) Actioned. An email was circulated to members on 8 December 2008 and expressions of interest received from several members.

	comments received on the standards and consider suggested standards put together by the Executive. (9.3)			
4	Guidance on health and character: Subject to amendments and minor editing changes, Committee agreed and recommended text of consultation document to the Council. (10.4)	CU	11 December 2008	Actioned. Approved by Council on 11 December 2008.
5	Guidance on conduct and ethics for students – consultation document: Subject to an amendment and minor editing changes, Committee agreed and recommended text of consultation document to the Council. (11.5)	CU	11 December 2008	Actioned. Approved by Council on 11 December 2008.
6	Health and character policy: Committee approved the revised health and character declarations policy. (12.5)	ES	Ongoing	
7	Disability Rights Commission report 'Maintaining Standards: Promoting Equality': Executive should prepare a further paper on the role of the health reference as a requirement for entry to the register. The Committee agreed that any paper should also review the requirements in the Standards of Education and Training in relation to the health of individuals enrolling on programmes. (13.5)	SM	May 2009	
8	Open-ended approval: Committee agreed - (1) to allow the Executive and Education and Training Panels to vary the notice periods given to education providers for approval visits to approved programmes, which were triggered as a result of the monitoring processes; (2) that requests to cancel some approval visits to approved programmes should be	AC	Ongoing	

	<p>agreed by an Education and Training Panel;</p> <p>(3) that the implications of non-submission of documentation prior to an approval visit to approved programmes should be agreed by an Education and Training Panel;</p> <p>(4) the broad guidelines to be used by the Executive and Education and Training Panels when deciding to arrange, or rearrange an approval visit to an approved programme;</p> <p>(5) to allow Education and Training Panels to vary the due date for conditions from approval visits to approved programmes, which were triggered as a result of the monitoring processes, in exceptional circumstances;</p> <p>(6) to update the information given to education providers accordingly; and</p> <p>(7) to approve the operational enhancements to the approval process taking effect from 2 December 2008.</p> <p>(14.5)</p>			
9	<p>Readmission to the Register following selection for audit of continuing professional development: Committee approved the new process as set out in the paper (i.e. the individual would be asked to produce a plan of the CPD which they intended to undertake, if they were readmitted to the Register).</p> <p>(15.4)</p>	RH	Ongoing	
10	<p>Continuing Professional Development profiles: Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that a consultation should be held on amending the standards of continuing professional development, to require that CPD profiles were prepared by the individual registrant without outside assistance.</p> <p>(16.2)</p>	RH	11 December 2008	Actioned. Consultation agreed by Council on 11 December 2008. The consultation document was approved by Council on 10 February 2009.
11	<p>Continuing Professional Development profiles: Agreed to authorise the Chairman</p>	Chairman	25 March 2009	Chairman's action was taken on 2

	to approve a consultation document on the proposed amendment to the standards of continuing professional development. (16.3)			February 2009 to recommend the draft consultation document to Council.
12	Representative of Education and Training Committee on external group: Professor Karen Bryan should attend the stakeholder group for the major scoping project in Scotland aimed to reform nursing, midwifery and allied health professionals education programmes based on the idea of a common core curriculum. (17.3)	Professor Bryan	Ongoing to 2010	
13	Education and Training Committee Scheme of Delegation: Committee approved the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation. (18.3)	CB	31 December 2008	Actioned.
14	Education and Training Committee: Future direction - Committee agreed to hold a strategic discussion session at its meeting on 25 March 2009, with other business on the agenda being limited to essential items only. (19.1)	CB	25 March 2009	Actioned. To be held after formal Committee meeting on 25 March 2009.