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NOTES of the first meeting of the Health Professions Council's Education and Training Committee Educationalists Forum held on Wednesday 22 May 2002 at the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, 2 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX

Present :

ETC Members

Prof. D. Waller (Chairing)
Prof. N. Brook (President, HPC)
Mrs. S. Chaudhry
Ms H. Davis
Mr. P. Frowen
Prof. J. Harper
Prof. R. Klem
Mr. C. Lea
Ms C. Lloyd
Ms G. Pearson
Mr. G. Sutehall
Dr. A. Van Der Gaag

Forum Members

Dr. D. Pollard	–	Council of Validating Universities
Prof. D. Baxter	–	UK Council for Graduate Education
Ms E. Jagusiewicz	–	Universities UK
Dr. P. Dangerfield	–	UK Inter-professional Group <u>and</u> Interprofessional Education Seminar Organisation
Ms P. le Rolland	–	Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)
Ms R. Mead	–	Department of Health (DoH)
Mr. R. Price	–	chair, Radiographers JVC
Mrs C. Wells)	co-chairs, OT JVC
Ms R. Heames)	
Dr. G. Powell	–	chair SLT JVC

Dr. M.Sills	–	Learning and Teaching Support Network for Health and Scientific Practice
Prof. D. Watson	–	former educationalist member of the Orthoptists Board
Prof. S. Frost	–	educationalist appointed to assist with Chiropractic education and training
Mr. P. Turner	–	former educationalist member of the OT Board
Ms J. Gosby	–	Nursing and Midwifery Council
Dr. S. Gosling	–	Allied Health Professions Forum
Ms R. Reyes	–	secretary of OT JVC
Mrs. S. Stirling	–	" SLT JVC
Mrs. M. Embleton	–	" Radiography JVC
Mrs. G. Stephenson	–	representative from the Orthoptists Pre-Registration Education and Training Working Group

Also in Attendance

Mr. M. Seale – Chief Executive, HPC

Dr. P. Burley – Secretary, HPC

ITEM 1 02/70 MEMBERSHIP, WELCOME, AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 The Chairman reported on the Forum's membership to date. It was still an incomplete body because it had not been possible to convene the Pre-Registration Education and Training Working Groups (PRETWG) in time to allow them all to elect chairs and representatives to the Forum. Other outside bodies might also be invited to contribute in the future.

1.2 Prof. S. Frost, Prof. D. Baxter and Mr. R. Price were welcomed to their first meeting.

1.3 Apologies for Absence were received from :–

ETC Members :

Prof. J. Lucas, Mr. M. Collins, and Miss E. Thornton, Dr G Beastall.

Forum Members

Prof. J. Campbell	– former educationalist member of the AsTs Board
Mrs. R. Simpson) Health & Care Professions Education Forum
Mr. P. Shenton)
Prof. D. Rogers	– former educationalist member of the MLT Board
Prof. H. Barr and) Centre for the Advancement of Inter-professional
Mrs. B. Clague) Education and Learning for Partnership Network
Ms S. Sexton	– representative from the P&O PRETWG
Miss M. Curr	– Chair, Physiotherapists JVC
Ms P. Ambrose	– Standing Conference of Principals
Mr. D. Ashcroft	– secretary, Chiropodists JQAC
Ms J. Brayton	– secretary, Physiotherapists JVC
Prof. M. Watkins	– former educationalist member of the Paramedics Board
Mr. S. Baird	– Co-Chair Chiropodists JQAC
Prof. A. de Looy	– former educationalist member of the Dietitians Board.

(Several apologies had been necessitated by the co-incidence of the meeting with the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists annual conference)

Others

The HPC secretaries for other Committees
DoH Quality Assurance Officers.

ITEM 2 02/71 CHAIRMAN'S, PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S REPORT AND MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS ON 13 FEBRUARY, 15 MARCH, AND 1 MAY 2002 FOR INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Forum noted the minutes of previous (Shadow and Substantive) ETC meetings.
- 2.2 Mr. M. Seale, Chief Executive HPC on behalf of the Chairman and President, announced the HPC consultation exercise, its timetable, documentation, and format. He urged all present to respond and to share their expertise with HPC. All registrants would receive a mini-prospectus for the consultation.

ITEM 3 02/72 PRESENTATION BY THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY ON ITS CURRENT WORK

Ms. P le Rolland presented QAA's programmes generally and then focused in on the health-funded courses in England (OHPs attached). She described the "prototype reviews", the importance of practitioner reviewers, the measuring of performance against external reference points, the generally positive experience in terms of ethos and relationships but some very real logistical problems, and the development of review web-sites on which to share information. The prototypes were confidential in detail but the experience in general would be shared. DoH was determined that there would be a roll-out of subject review in 2003 – 6. QAA would develop further Subject Benchmarking in the health professions. Foundation degrees would be

funded by Funding Councils and would have to enjoy different QA from DoH-funded degree courses. In the (non-DoH-funded) generality of new QA it was proposed to use audit and discipline trails. Disciplines would be based on the Joint Academic Coding System and be broader than " subjects ". Cycles would be for six years, but the six years in England could be broken into two periods of three years. She included reference to developments elsewhere in the UK (as set out in circulated papers). She predicted that the roles of professional and statutory regulatory bodies would increase in importance. QA would reflect the tension elsewhere between common framework and inter-professional developments as against uni-professional provision.

**ITEM 4 02/73 BENCHMARKING HEALTHCARE PROGRAMMES,
LETTER FROM DoH**

- 4.1 The Secretary introduced this letter and the background to it (from the meeting on 13 February 2002). It was noted that HPC's and QAA's work on Standards of Proficiency might have established a (UK-wide) framework with which some of DoH's intentions might be aligned or in which they might be progressed.
- 4.2 It was agreed to make these comments to DoH and also to query the exact meaning of the " emerging health professions framework ", and to seek clarification of whether there was still felt to be a problem of some stakeholders still not taking ownership of Subject Benchmarks.

**ITEM 5 02/74 UP-DATE ON THE DoH/QAA PROTOTYPE REVIEWS IN
ENGLAND**

- 5.1 The Forum received Prof. J. Lucas's paper and an oral report from Ms P. le Rolland (see item 3 above).
- 5.2 QAA clarified that the reduction of sampling of student work had been balanced by sampling other sources of information.

**ITEM 6 02/75 EVALUATION OF THE ENGLISH NATIONAL BOARD AND
QAA COLLABORATION ON THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF
NURSING SUBJECT REVIEWS IN ENGLAND (BY PROF.
ROSEMARY POPE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY**

This was not ready and was held over to a future meeting. In the meantime members were advised that an evaluation of the report could be found on the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) web-site (www.nmc-uk.org) under " ENB Publications ".

ITEM 7 02/76 ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS FORUM (AHPF) ITEMS :

7.1 Value Statement on Pre-registration Education and Training (re-)approval Processes

- 7.1.1 The Forum noted this paper, introduced by Dr. S. Gosling, and asked that it be fed into HPC's consultation process.
- 7.1.2 Dr. Gosling explained the development of the paper from an informal meeting in January 2002 and that several professional bodies had already signed up to it. Its messages included moving to more streamlined cross-professional working. Appendix II raised proposals for specific projects.
- 7.1.3 It was clarified that DoH QA officers were engaged in equivalent work and were in liaison with the initiative. It was noted that LTSN might also be able to take an interest in these projects, and would look at the paper. HPC had not yet developed a policy on continuing the CPSM's Charitable Trust's support for such work.
- 7.1.4 Members asked for clarification of the status and remit of AHPF. [A statement from AHPF is appended to these notes].

7.2 Up-date on the AHPF Competence Project

- 7.2.1 Dr. S. Gosling introduced this paper for the Forum's information. It was clarified that this project explored some of the practical approaches to the CPD requirements in the HPO. It would be designed to help AHPF member bodies' members to comply with HPC's CPD in due course.
- 7.2.2 Prof. D. Watson asked for clarification between advanced levels of practice, CPD, and competence. Prof. N. Brook explained that HPC's remit was around competence for (clinical) practice. Dr. Gosling added this was linked to individuals' scope of practice.
- 7.2.3 The project would develop frameworks and examples of approaches to competence and would also define its own terms.
- 7.2.4 It needed to be understood that while competence operated at threshold levels, those thresholds were themselves in a state of continuous change and development.

ITEM 8 02/77 NHS PLAN, NEXT STEPS, ETC.

- 8.1 The Forum received this paper and the Secretary's Executive Summary.
- 8.2 The Secretary introduced this item and explained that it was a statement of intent not a consultation. At the meeting with DoH QA officers on 15 May 2002 they had clarified that the NHS [University] (NHSU) would be providing curriculum support rather than seeking to deliver pre-registration education and training in its own right.
- 8.3 Mr. P. Turner confirmed that the Council of Nursing Deans had also elicited clarification that NHSU would not be moving into delivering pre-registration education and training.

- 8.4 Prof. J. Harper reported that the new Board had been set up in Scotland (as reported at earlier meetings) and was also meeting on 22 May 2002 for the first time.

ITEM 9 02/78 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS FOR THE INTER-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SEMINAR ORGANISATION'S (IPESO) MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 2002

- 9.1 Dr. P. Dangerfield explained that the IPESO would be holding a seminar on 2 September 2002 at the College of Occupational Therapists and asked for topics for the event which might co-incide with HPC's consultation.
- 9.2 It was agreed to commend to IPESO that they look at the tension between common framework and inter-professional education developments as against properly uni-professional provision.

ITEM 10 02/79 TOUR DE TABLE OF RELEVANT ISSUES AND INITIATIVES

- 10.1 Ms J. Gosby reported that the Learning for Partnership Network would be holding a seminar on 11 June 2002 on Codes of Conduct. Mr. A. Yule (Chairman of HPC's Conduct and Competence Working Party) had been alerted to this.
- 10.2 Prof. D. Baxter reported that the UK Council for Graduate Education (UKCGE) had established a working group on research training in the health professions. UKCGE was looking at the most appropriate models to use and would be issuing a consultation paper soon. The Forum noted the joint DoH / Higher Education Funding Council press release of 16 May 2002 announcing new framework for health related research. No figures had been announced, and they would have to await settlement in the government's comprehensive spending review. The initiative applied to England and Wales, but not to Scotland or Northern Ireland. [Press release appended].
- 10.3.1 Dr. M. Sills drew attention to LTSN's Festival of Learning in Bristol 19 – 20 September 2002. [The programme is appended to these notes]. Prof. R. Cryer, Chief Executive of the NHSU would be a key-note speaker (see item 8 above).
- 10.3.2 LTSN's Occasional Paper No. 1 on Interprofessional Education (IPE) was now available and members were welcome to request copies. Paper 2 on the evidence base for IPE was in preparation.
- 10.3.3 Contributions to the next newsletter were invited – copy date 23 September 2002.
- 10.3.4 LTSN's next phase of work would look at striking balances and the interactions between current policies such as widening access and promoting IPE.

ITEM 11 02/80 ANY OTHER BUSINESS : DoH / HEFCE Statement of Strategic Intent on Health and Social Services

This tabled statement was received and welcomed.

ITEM 12 02/81 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE FORUM

The Forum would meet next at 12 noon 16 October 2002 at the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

CHAIRMAN