

Voluntary Register of Clinical Technologists

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Dear Cathy,

Application for the Regulation of Clinical Technologists

Further to our helpful meeting with yourself, Marc Seale and the Department of Health on 2nd September I am writing to update you with the progress that we have made with regard to our application.

The VRCT has been reviewing the required routes of entry into the profession to ensure that entrants working in all disciplines within Clinical Technology can meet the Standards of Proficiency for registration, and is working towards the entry qualification being at degree level for both the Medical Physics and the Engineering routes into the profession. The VRCT held a very encouraging meeting with the major stakeholders involved, i.e. the Department of Health, interested Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and representatives of Workforce Development Confederations (WDC) in England.

The meeting raised a number of issues that require further work that will be addressed via the Education Providers Group that has been established. This group will meet in October and November, and will involve a wider group of stakeholders, including the devolved administrations.

Unfortunately, a joint statement from the VRCT and the Department of Health cannot be provided for the October Council meeting of HPC because some of the issues need further work to be resolved. VRCT would ask that Council be prepared to delay a decision on the regulation of Clinical Technologists until the December meeting, when a joint statement by the VRCT and Department of Health on the standards of proficiency will be submitted. We have been assured by the Department of Health that this would fit with their timetable for the first group of Healthcare Science professions to go forward for regulation.

Yours sincerely

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