

Review of the Standards of Proficiency

Executive Summary and Recommendations

1. Introduction

The Standards of Proficiency were originally established in July 2003, when the Health Professions Council began operating under the Health Professions Order, and its own rules. The Council agreed not to change the Standards of Proficiency during the 'Grandparenting' period, which will end on July 8th 2005, but to regularly review the Standards of Proficiency to ensure that they continued to be relevant and fulfill their function.

This paper proposes the setting up of a Professional Liaison Group and an associated work plan to carry out this review.

This paper was agreed at the meeting of the Education and Training committee, at its meeting on 16th February 2005.

2. Decision

The Council is asked to:

agree to the setting up of a Professional Liaison Group to review the Standards of Proficiency, together with the associated work plan.

3. Background information

None.

4. Resource implications

Secretarial support for the PLG from the Secretariat, and strategic and operational support for the PLG from the Education and Policy department.

5. Financial implications

The budget for this PLG, including the costs of independent market research, attendance allowances, room bookings, consultation, and eventual potential reprints of the Standards of Proficiency (depending on the outcome of the PLG's deliberations, and the results of the consultation) would be approximately £80,000.

6. Background papers

None

7. Appendices

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