

Meetings:

- ‘Rapporteur’ at Foster review reference group conference, 14th July
- Unison healthcare assistants conference, 19th July
- College of Occupational Therapists OTs with disabilities forum
(this meeting was cancelled following security alerts in London, and will be re-scheduled)

Health Professions Crossing Borders meeting (see below)

- Tarek Bestandji, French Ministry in charge of Health, 25th July
- British Medical Association, Refugee Doctor Liaison Group, 27th July

Current Projects:

Returns to practice

The Council’s proposals on returners to practise are currently being consulted on, along with the document ‘Managing fitness to practise’. This consultation finishes on September 9th.

Professional Liaison Group on health, disability and registration

These documents have been amended in line with the Council’s recommendations on July 18th, and will be the subject of a consultation in the Autumn 2005.

Professional Liaison Group on Standards of Education and Training Guidance for Education providers

A draft of this document is currently with representatives from the professional bodies, for their input and comments. The final meeting of this PLG will take place on September 29th, after the Education and Training committee.

Review of the Standards of Proficiency

The membership has been confirmed, nominations are expected from the Allied Health Professions Federation, and the Federation for Healthcare Science. The first meeting of the PLG is expected to take place in October.

Continuing professional development additional information

The professional bodies have been written to, to ask if they would be willing to take part in the process of providing sample profiles. The first meeting of this group will take place in September: a planning / initial ideas meeting which will decide the document(s) that need to be drafted, and their structure, so that the work can begin on initial draft for the next meeting.

European Affairs

I have been attending ‘Health Professionals Crossing Borders’ project meetings: a project around patient safety, as part of the UK’s Presidency of the EU.

Joint regulators’ patient / public involvement forum

I have been attending these meetings, which are exploring the potential for joint working on patient/public involvement. I have been on a sub-group, that is working specifically on a joint regulator’s public leaflet.

Consultations responded to:

- Making Safeguarding Everybody’s Business: A Post-Bichard Vetting Scheme
- British Paramedic Association, Curriculum Framework.

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