

Health Professions Council – 6 December 2011

Reports from Council representatives at external meetings

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The attached feedback forms have been received from Arun Midha and John Donaghy, reporting back from meetings at which they represented the HPC.

Decision

The Council is requested to note the documents.

Background information

None

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

The cost for attendance at conferences/meetings has been incorporated into the Council annual budget.

Background papers

None

Appendices

Copies of feedback forms

Date of paper

24 November 2011

Feedback sheet - to be completed after the meeting

Name of Council Member	Arun Midha
Title of event	Annual Care conference for Wales 2011
Date of event	12th October 2011
Approximate attendance at event	100
Issues of Relevance to HPC This event will become increasingly important in the lead up to changes in Social worker regulation. The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services provided the key note address outlining strategic direction for the sector. Interesting contributions from the Deputy Older people's commissioner and also from leads on approaches to dementia care. Of particular interest and relevance was a session on Modernising regulation in Wales led by the Assistant Chief Inspector, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales that provided an update on changes in approach by CSSIW following publication of the Government document 'Sustainable Services for Wales: A framework for Action'. He focused on future possibilities in the context of Better regulation principles and a potential move away from regulation based on minimum standards to an outcomes approach.	
Key Decisions Taken An information giving event with excellent networking opportunities.	

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Training Opportunities form

Name of Council member	John Donaghy
Organisation hosting event	The Oxford Ethnography Conference (OEC)
Type of Training (i.e listening event, hearing)	Conference
Venue	New College, Oxford
Date of event	19-21 September 2011
This Ethnography conference supports my methodology for my data collection in relation to my doctorate and would benefit me in that, in addition to the additional knowledge on this subject area which would allow me the opportunity to have a more greater understanding of Ethnography within the research process, which I guess will help me in my role as Council member as well.	
Approximate costs (subject to budget)	Event: £161 Attendance allowance: £930 Expenses: £150 plus incidentals Travel allowance: £ tbc

Signature of Chief Executive*: **Date:**

Signature of member: **Date:**

(*not required if HPC has asked you to attend the event)

This form has been prepared for those Council and Committee members who represent the Health Professions Council at meetings or conferences. Please complete as much of the above as you can and return by post or by email to Louise Hart, Health Professions Council, Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London, SE11 4BU – louise.hart@hpc-uk.org

Forms will be passed to the Chief Executive if authorisation is required. Completed forms should be received before the meeting takes place.

Feedback sheet - to be completed after the meeting

Name of Council Member	John Donaghy
Title of event	The Oxford Ethnography Conference (OEC)
Date of event	19-21 September 2011
Approximate attendance at event	100
<p>Issues of Relevance to HPC</p> <p>This conference allowed a number of PhD students and post doctoral students the opportunity to share their work as Ethnographers, with a number of subjects exploring health related issues and the role of 'professionalism' within this environment. I chaired one session entitled:</p> <p><i>The Role of Situated Learning in Experiential Education</i>, this explored a number of Pharmacy students in the USA as they progressed through university and how their learning and professional attitudes and perceptions were developed within the working clinical environment, rather than in the university setting.</p> <p>This study has much synergy with my professional doctorate and I found this session, and indeed the conference extremely interesting and enjoyable. My continued personal development helps a clearer and more informed view of regulation and its role within professional values and attitudes.</p>	
<p>Key Decisions Taken</p> <p>None taken</p>	

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Attendance at Meetings to Represent HPC

At the July 2004 Council meeting the following policy with regard to Council and committee members' attendance at non-HPC meetings was agreed;

- (i) The HPC will reimburse attendance allowance and/or expenses in line with the existing policy where the Council/Committee or the Executive request a member of Council or committee to attend a meeting,
- (ii) Council or Committee members may, with the written agreement of the Chief Executive, attend up to six additional meetings* a year within the UK for which the HPC will pay the daily allowance and expenses in line with existing policy. Payment of attendance allowance and expenses must be agreed in advance by the Chief Executive by completing the form issued by the Secretariat for this purpose.
- (iii) Where Council/Committee or the Chief Executive has agreed that a member should represent the HPC on a particular committee or group these would not be included in the six meetings mentioned above.
- (iv) Members should not be co-opted as a representative of the HPC onto the Boards or Council of other organisations without the specific agreement of Council.
- (v) The HPC will consider requests to fund the cost of one meeting per year outside the UK however full details must be submitted in good time and must be agreed by the President and the Chief Executive before the meeting.

The following factors will be taken into account by the Chief Executive when consideration of requests is being made regarding attendance;

- (i) The number of members attending – on the basis that large numbers of members attending one event is not the best use of funds;
- (ii) Whether a presentation is being made and the nature of that presentation. The usual practice is that Council members present on strategic issues and that members of the Executive present on operational issues.

Agreed at 15 July 2004 Council Meeting

(Council and committee members wishing to attend an external meeting should complete the relevant form and submit it to the Secretariat)

*Attendance allowance and expenses are only payable by the Health Professions Council for attendance at meetings of **Professional Body Councils/Boards** where a formal request has been received by the HPC from the Professional Body. In this case the invitation should be extended to both lay and registrant Council members. In all other cases attendance allowance and expenses are not payable.

Agreed at 5 October 2005 Council meeting.

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2008-06-11	a	SEC	AOD	Attendance at meetings to represent HPC	Final DD: None	Public RD: None