

Council, 8 February 2017

Policy and Standards Report

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

This report provides the Council with an update into the work of the Policy and Standards Directorate in the period December 2016 to January 2017. Areas from the report to highlight are as follows.

- The research being carried out by the University of Surrey is progressing to timetable with an interim report due to be considered by the Council at a future meeting.

Decision

The Council is asked to discuss the Policy and Standards report

Appendices

None

Date of paper

30 January 2017

Policy and Standards Directorate report – 8 February 2017

This paper provides an update about the work of the Directorate.

1. Consultations – recently closed

- Consultation on social media guidance.
- Consultation on revised CPD guidance.
- Consultation on revised guidance on confidentiality.
- Consultation on revised standards of education and training and guidance.
- Consultation on returning to practice guidance.

The outcomes of all of the above are due to be considered by the Education and Training Committee and the Council at their March 2017 meetings.

2. Research

- The following provides an update about the research activities managed by the Department.
 - **Costs and impact of CPD (Newcastle University; commissioned by the Department of Health)**
We are now in receipt of a final report. A paper is due to be considered by the Council at its March 2017 meeting.
 - **Understanding the prevalence of fitness to practise cases about paramedics and social workers in England (University of Surrey)**
The review of fitness to practise cases continues. Registrant and student focus groups will take place in February and March 2017. An interim report is due to be considered by the Council at a future meeting.

3. PSA performance review 2016-17

- The performance review for this year is ongoing.