

**Agenda Item 17**

**Enclosure 14**

**Paper ETC 63/02**

## **Education and Training Committee**

**DIGEST OF CURRENT AND PENDING INITIATIVES**

**From Council of Nursing Deans via the Executive**

**for information**

## Higher Education and Health Sector Partnership: Current and pending initiatives and projects

### Health and education sector partnership

1. *Joint Ministerial Review of Education and Training in and for the NHS in England and Wales*: announced by Lord Hunt in House of Lords on 13 June 2002 (Hansard Columns 405 and 413); terms of reference and structure to be agreed in autumn 2002 and review likely to be completed during 2003.  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld199900/ldhansrd/pdvn/lds02/text/20613-06.htm>
2. *Implementation of the Follett Report on Appraisal, Disciplinary and Reporting Arrangements for Senior NHS and University Staff with Academic and Clinical Duties*: Joint appraisal scheme issued July 2002.  
<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/follettreview/>
3. *Review of Health and Education Sector/Strategic Partnerships* by John James for Department of Health: Report due in autumn 2002.
4. *Establishment by DoH with DFES of Strategic Learning and Research Advisory Group for Health and Social Care (StLaR)*: New multi-professional overarching health and education (further and higher) sector partnership/liaison (pre-registration, post-registration and CPD) body to replace SGUMDER and AGMETS, to start work in autumn 2002.
5. *Development of HEFCE/DoH fund for capacity building for nursing and Allied Health Professions research*. <http://www.doh.gov.uk/research/rd3/workforcecapacity.htm>
6. *Monitoring and Evaluation of the expansion of medical education in England*: joint DoH/HEFCE/GMC monitoring group set up and bids invited for evaluation project.
7. *Proposed NHS University*: Senior officers for NHSU now being appointed; progress report and consultation document to be issued in autumn 2002.

### Health sector

8. *Funding Learning and Development for the Healthcare Workforce: Consultation on the Review of NHS Education and Training Funding and the Review of Contract Benchmarking for NHS Funded Education and Training* - published in July 2002 [responses by 25 October 2002]. <http://www.doh.gov.uk/fundingconsultation/>
9. *Developing a framework for common learning in education and training for the healthcare professions*: steering group established to oversee pilot projects in England.
10. *Development of a joint position statement on communication skills in pre-registration education and training for the healthcare professions*: draft joint statement of

principles to be developed by mid-September 2002 and formal consultation to be concluded by end of October 2002.

11. *Shifting the Balance of Power and implementation of the NHS Plan: New framework for management of the NHS - Four new Regional Health and Social Care Directorates; Strategic Health Authorities (to include university nominees); Workforce Development Confederations; Primary Care Trusts; NHS Trusts.*  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/shiftingthebalance/index.htm>
12. *Establishment of new Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board to replace STA and JCPTGP: Policy statement issued by DoH and draft legislation to be published in autumn 2002.*  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/medicaltrainingintheuk/pmetpolicy.htm>
13. *DoH Framework for Life-Long Learning in the NHS: Developing a Shared Framework for Health Professional Learning Beyond Registration - post-registration education and continuing professional and personal development (July 2002 letter from Prof Maggie Pearson).*  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/hrinthenhs/postreglearningframework.pdf>
14. *Reform of SHO training: CMO's report expected to be published in August 2002.*
15. *Reform of the General Medical Council: A paper for consultation - draft legislation to: a) change the constitution and governance of the GMC; b) introduce reforms to the Fitness to Practise procedures of the GMC; and c) to introduce a system for revalidation of doctors, the licence to practise and registration - published May 2002 [responses by 6 September 2002, extended to 7 October for those who, because of distribution errors, did not receive copies of the document when published].*  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/gmcreform.htm>
16. *Development of professional regulation for Nursing and Midwifery and for the Health Professions (NMC and HPC).*
17. *Tomorrow's Doctors: Recommendations on undergraduate medical education; revised and published July 2002.*  
[http://www.gmc-uk.org/med\\_ed/meded\\_frameset.htm](http://www.gmc-uk.org/med_ed/meded_frameset.htm)
18. *GMC Education Committee review of PRHO Year - commenced in July 2002 and due for completion by end of year.*  
[http://www.gmc-uk.org/med\\_ed/meded\\_frameset.htm](http://www.gmc-uk.org/med_ed/meded_frameset.htm)
19. *DoH proposals for NHS Foundation Trusts published in July 2002.*  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/nhsfoundationtrusts/index.htm>

20. *Human Bodies, Human Choices: Consultation Report on the Law on Human Organs and Tissue in England and Wales*: - published in July 2002 [responses by 14 October 2002]. [http://www.doh.gov.uk/tissue/review\\_of\\_law.htm](http://www.doh.gov.uk/tissue/review_of_law.htm)
21. *Pathology - the essential service: Draft guidance on modernising pathology services*, June 2002 [responses by 30 September 2002].  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/pathologymodernisation/essentserv.htm>
22. *Health Protection: A Consultation Document on creating a health protection agency* - To take over responsibility for most of the functions of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board, all the functions of the National Radiological Protection Board and the Microbiological Research Authority, and the health protection functions provided by consultants in communicable disease control; published June 2002 [responses by 16 September 2002]. <http://www.doh.gov.uk/cmofhpa/consult.htm>
23. *Framework for new NHS Consultant Contract* published, July 2002: Negotiations continuing on translation of the contract for clinical academics and on the new Clinical Excellence Awards Scheme to replace Distinction Awards [New GP Contract also published by BMA]. <http://www.doh.gov.uk/consultantscontract/index.htm>
24. *Development of partnership agreements for Research Governance*.  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/research/rd1/researchgovernance/researchgovindex.htm>
25. *NHS Dentistry: Options for Change*; published 6 August 2002 (including a chapter on education, training and development of the dental team).  
<http://www.doh.gov.uk/cdo/optionsforchange.htm>
- Higher Education sector**
26. *DfES Strategy for Higher Education* to be published in autumn 2002, including student support and funding of HE.
27. *HEFCE review of the future of higher education*.  
<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/aboutus/thefuture/>
28. *Review of the Research Assessment Exercise* by the UK Higher education funding bodies. <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/News/hefce/2002/review.htm>
29. *HEFCE to review method for funding research in England*.
30. *European Commission Draft Directive on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications*: Consultation by DfES on simplification of the rules for professional recognition, including the directive covering doctors [responses by end of September 2002]. <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/active/index.cfm?CONID=183>
31. *QAA reform of the arrangements for quality reviews of higher education*.  
<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/crntwork/currentwork.htm>

## **Scotland**

32. *Working for Health - The Workforce Development Action Plan for NHS Scotland*: establishment of an effective workforce planning function for all healthcare staff; published 1 August 2002. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/wfh-00.asp>
33. *Future Practice - A Review of the Scottish Medical Workforce*: The Response of the Scottish Executive to the Report of the Review commissioned by the Executive to take a fundamental look at the medical workforce in Scotland; published 3 July 2002. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/fprse-00.asp>
34. *Building on Success - Future Directions for the Allied Health Professions in Scotland*; published 20 June 2002. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/bos-00.asp>