

**Agenda Item 7**

**Enclosure 4**

**Paper ETC 101/03**

**Education and Training Committee**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**from the Secretary**

**for information**

## Secretary's Report

1. In August the NHSU published the feedback from its consultation earlier in 2003 and its own position and response. This document confirms all the previous understandings of NHSU.
2. On 15 August 2003 I gave detailed background information about HPC to the researcher appointed by the Learning and Teaching Support Network for their "Triple Project" on Inter-professional education.
3. On 3 September I attended the UK Inter-Professional Group's FHE Working Party.
4. On 9 September I attended the DH's Key Stakeholder meeting, sitting in for the Chairman and President.
5. On 16 September I attended the DH / NMC / QAA Strategic Meeting.
6. On 15 September 2003 a meeting was held with officers of the Association of Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) and the British Psychological Society (BPS). This sketched out an agenda for the Committee's engagement with the two prospective new Parts of the Register. Some indicative dates may be :-

November 2003 – Engagement with the process of developing OPD Standards of Proficiency.

Feb – April 2004 – Presentation by BPS on their current education and training arrangements.

[ April 2004 – ODP Part of the Register opens, new ODP member of the Committee, Standards of Proficiency established, adverts published for Partners. ]

[ a period later – grandparenting applications invited, Partners appointed ]

May 2004 – AODP Annual Conference in Cardiff.

October 2004 – ODP education and training needs to start to be approved under the Order.

2005 – process replicated on a much larger scale for BPS.

It will be important for the two new professions to be involved with the Professional Liaison Groups' (PLG) work, but this may be catered for in the PLGs' consultation arrangements.