

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

WORKING GROUP ON PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY PANELS

Minutes of the ninth meeting of the Working Group on the Professional Advisory Panels held on Thursday 30th May at the Health Professions Council at 9.30 am, 184 Kennington Park Road, Kennington SE11 4BU.

PRESENT

Miss Pam Sabine
Mr Neil Willis
Mr Colin Lea

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Marc Seale
Ms Giercia Malcolm

Item 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Professor N. Brook, Professor D. Waller, Professor A. Hazell, Professor J. Lucas and Dr R. Jones and Ms J Manning.

Item 2 NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The following amendments were made to the notes of the last meeting:

Item 1 – Professor T Hazell submitted an email to the group (and not Professor J Lucas as indicated)

Item 5, 4th Paragraph – The consensus between Miss Sabine and Mr Willis was that they should be termed Committees *since this was the term used in the orders.*

Item 5, 5th paragraph – The suggestion was that the Committees should meet twice a year (*otherwise we might end up with 24 meetings a year*).

Subject to the above amendments the notes of the 18th April were agreed.

Item 3 MATTERS ARISING

Ms Sabine reported that the meeting of the group that had been originally scheduled for 14 May had been cancelled as it would have been inquorate.

Item 4 TO DISCUSS THE REPORT ON THE CONSULTATION DAY FROM
NEWCHURCH

Members were informed that a final document from this working group would be expected for the Consultation Steering Group by 7 June 2002. This would then go to the printers on 14 June 2002.

Item 6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A document entitled Professional Advisory Committees or Committees – Professional Advice or Professional Advice was tabled at the meeting.

Members discussed this document which had not been seen previously. The following comments were made:-

1.

1.4 para 2 – This document had not been considered by Council nor had it been agreed by Council.

2.

The naming of the advisory panels as Professional Body Liaison Group had never been raised or discussed previously.

3.

There was a dissonance between the proposed title and the inclusion of lay members in the proposed group.

4. Although the principles behind the tabled document were acceptable to members it was suggested that the following amendments should be made:

1.4 para 1

The phrase ‘In addition’ underlined.

1.4 para 2

This paragraph to be re-written to state: After due consideration the Council determined that it may need particular professional advice on key issues in the future. In setting up mechanisms for such advice there are two issues the Council must resolve – the membership of such a body and how often it would meet.

1.4 para 3

The first line to read Members of proposed groups could include:-

1.4 para 7

The first line to read ‘The Council proposes (underline) Professional Body Liaison Groups which would meet on an ad hoc basis, in the region of once or twice a year, to address key issues or questions, in relation to professions, on which the Council may need advice.

The final sentence of this paragraph to be moved to the bottom of the following paragraph.

Item 7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be arranged as and when necessary.