

Amendment to Standards of Education and Training

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The HPC published the Standards of Education & Training in September 2004. The HPC Register for Operating Department Practitioners opened on 18th October 2004. The Council is required to consult on its Standards in accordance with article (14) of the Health Professions Order, 2001. Therefore any amendment to the Standards of Education & Training must be consulted upon.

The Education & Training Committee at its meeting on 24th November 2004 recommended that a consultation be carried out on Standard (1) of the Standards of Education & Training to reflect what the level of qualification for entry to the register should be for operating department practitioners.

Decision

- 1. The Council is requested to approve the recommendation from the Education and Training Committee that a consultation be undertaken to amend Standard (1) of the Standards of Education and Training to include the ODP qualification of the Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice.** Following consultation and approval, Standard of Education & Training 1 would then read as follows:

“Standard 1. Level of qualification for entry to the Register:

1.1 The Council normally expects that the **threshold** entry routes to the Register will be the following:

1.1.1 Bachelor degree with honours for the following professions:

- chiropody or podiatry;
- dietetics;
- occupational therapy;
- orthoptics;
- physiotherapy;
- prosthetics and orthotics;
- radiography;
- speech and language therapy;
- biomedical science (with the Certificate of Competence awarded by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS), or equivalent if appropriate); and

1.1.2 Masters degree for the arts therapies.

1.1.3 Masters degree for the clinical sciences (with the award of the Association of Clinical Scientists' Certificate of Attainment, or equivalent).

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1.1.4 Equivalent to Certificate of Higher Education for paramedics.

1.1.5 *Diploma of Higher Education in Operating Department Practice for Operating Department Practitioners*”.

2. The Council is requested to approve the following stakeholders to be included in the consultation:

- Department of Health
- Professional Bodies
- The ODP Education Providers
- Other relevant stakeholders such as: employers of ODP registrants, users of services of ODP registrants, and organizations assessing and funding ODP education and training.

3. The Council is requested to approve that the consultation should be for a period of six weeks from 28th January 2005 – 11th March 2005.

Background information

None.

Resource implications

Distribution of consultation document
Letter printing
Executive analysis.

Financial implications

Cost of printing and postage to consultees

Background papers

None

Appendices

Appendix 1. “*Consultation Document for inclusion of ODP’s in the Standards of Education and Training*”

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