

Agenda Item 10

Enclosure 9

Paper ETC 42 /02

Education and Training Committee

**REPORT BY NEWCHURCH ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES RAISED
IN THE HPC CONSULTATION EXERCISE, (AND SPECIFICALLY
FROM THE HEALTH & CARE PROFESSIONS EDUCATION
FORUM MEETING ON 31 JULY 2002) AND DISCUSSION OF
IMPLICATIONS**

From Newchurch

for information and discussion

Consultation Briefing Paper (Newchurch, 27th August 2002)

Following the drafting and publication of its consultation document, the HPC is now undertaking follow-on work, including:

1. Analysis of the responses to consultation
2. Drafting of a document summarising these responses
3. Drafting of a document setting out the HPC's response to the consultation, including any changes to its proposals

Newchurch is assisting the HPC with all of these tasks.

The public's response to consultation

The responses to consultation started to come in slowly and are now building up. To date, the HPC has received approximately;

- 200 letters
- 40 long questionnaires
- 400 short questionnaires

These are being entered into a database for analysis of:

- The types of respondents
- The responses to specific questions asked in the questionnaires
- Key themes that have emerged

Newchurch has drafted an initial version of the document summarising responses to consultation. This is primarily to test the layout and format and is to be agreed by the Consultation Steering Group at its next meeting on 11th September. During September, the document will be built up as responses are received and analysed. In October, the final version of the document will be drafted, signed off by the Consultation Steering Group and then published/launched on the 5th November at a meeting in N Ireland.

HPC's response following consultation

Following the consultation period, the HPC must submit to the Privy Council the final version of its proposals, including any decisions or changes to its original proposals made as a consequence of the consultation. This information is to be set out in a document to be published in the first week in December. During October and early November, in order for this document to be produced, both the Council and its various committees will need to consider the response to consultation and make decisions as to how to respond.

In order to assist the Council and committees in making the decisions which will form their response, Newchurch will be attending committee meetings and the Consultation Steering Group. In each case, we will inform members of the feedback from the consultation and highlight areas where each group will need to take decisions about future operations.

Current responses

We will update members during the education and training committee meeting on 4th September.

Desired outcomes from 4th September meeting

1. Update members on progress of consultation
2. Highlight to members the areas in which the committee will need to take decisions following the completion of consultation
3. Agree a process for ensuring decisions can be made within the required timescale,