

Education and Training Committee, 25 March 2009

Practitioner psychologists – Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Executive summary and recommendations

### **Introduction**

This paper is brought to the Committee at this time because the Section 60 Order necessary to bring practitioner psychologists into statutory regulation, The Health care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009, has now been laid.

It is anticipated that the Register for practitioner psychologists will open on 1 July 2009 and psychologists on our Register will be asked to renew their registration on 1 November 2009. This process enables us to check that those individuals who have transferred from voluntary registers in particular, wish to be registered with HPC.

Practitioner psychologists will renew their registration for 19 months, rather than two years, to allow the HPC to fit their registration renewal cycle alongside the renewal cycles for existing professions. This means that the psychologists will renew their registration again on 1 June 2011. The dates are laid out below:

1 July 2009	Register opens for practitioner psychologists
1 November 2009	Practitioner psychologists registration renewal (19 months)
1 June 2011	Practitioner psychologists renew their registration (2 years)
1 June 2013	Practitioner psychologists renew their registration

From July 2006, renewal of registration has been tied to undertaking CPD. The HPC guidance states that the HPC will only audit registrants who have been registered for more than two years.<sup>1</sup> The HPC made the decision because we believe that registrants should be allowed at least two years on the Register to build up evidence of their CPD activities before they are audited. This means that recent graduates and those who have just returned to the Register are not chosen for audit the first time that they renew their registration.

Practitioner psychologists will not have been on the Register for two years by the time that they reach their renewal date of 1 June 2011. To ensure consistency with existing practice the HPC will not audit practitioner psychologists when they

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<sup>1</sup> Continuing professional development and your registration pg 13 <http://www.hpc-uk.org/publications/index.asp?id=103>

renew their registration in 2011. The first time a sample of the profession will be audited to provide evidence of how they meet the CPD standards will be in 2013.

However, in 2011 practitioner psychologists renewing their registration will still be asked to sign a professional declaration to say that they meet the HPC's standards for CPD.

### **Decision**

This paper is to note and therefore no decision is required.

### **Background information**

Continuing professional development and your registration:

<http://www.hpc-uk.org/publications/index.asp?id=103>

### **Resource implications**

None

### **Financial implications**

None

### **Appendices**

None

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