

Education and Training Committee, 9 June 2016

Paramedic education and training

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Health Education England (HEE) have been undertaking a project to reform how paramedics are educated. This has included proposals to move the profession to a degree at entry.

The Committee has considered a number of papers on this topic over the last two years. HEE presented to the Committee at its meeting in September 2015. The HEE's project steering group has not met for some time.

The Committee has previously agreed that, in principle, there is a persuasive case for changing the threshold level specified in first of the standards of education and training – 'SET 1' – for this profession. The Committee agreed to consider this issue again in light of information about developments in the four countries and the outcomes of the HEE project.

We understand that the final report of the HEE project will be considered by the HEE's board in July 2016. We have discussed with HEE being involved in any planned meetings with the devolved administrations on the level of training. All currently approved degree programmes are delivered in England.

We will bring future papers to the Committee once the final report of the HEE project has been published.

Decision

This paper is to note; no decision is required.

Background information

Education and Training Committee, 4 June 2015. Threshold level of qualification for entry to the Register.

<http://www.hcpc-uk.org/assets/documents/10004BCAEnc02-ThresholdlevelforentrytotheRegisterforparamedics.pdf>

Resource implications

None as a result of this paper.

Financial implications

None as a result of this paper.

Appendices

None

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