Football Physiotherapists

Overview (1)

• Of the 100 football physios interviewed
  – 57% are currently registered with the HPC and 43% are not
  – 68% use ‘physiotherapist’ to describe their professional role and 32% do not
  – Over half (24 of the 43) who are currently not on the HPC register are unaware that from 8 July 2005 it will be compulsory for everyone calling themselves a physiotherapist to be on the HPC register
    o Half of them (11) use the physiotherapist to describe their job title
  – Most (39 of the 43) say that they look into taking the necessary steps to register with the HPC
Background

• Opinion Leader Research commissioned by HPC to conduct a survey of football physiotherapists to determine:
  – What qualifications football physios hold
  – What title they use to describe their professional role
  – Whether they are registered with the HPC
  – Whether or not they are aware they need to be registered to use the title (post 8 July 2005)
  – Whether they are likely to look into taking the necessary steps to register as a result

Sample Profile

• 100 telephone interviews distributed as follows:
  – 15 x Premiership
  – 21 x Div 1
  – 16 x Div 2
  – 20 x Div 3
  – 11 x English Conf
  – 8 x Scottish Premiership
  – 5 x Scottish Div 1
  – 3 x Scottish Div 2
  – 1 x Scottish Div 3
Sample Profile (2)

- Of the 100 interviewed:
  - 57 x HPC registered
  - 43 x Non HPC registered / don't know

Qualifications held

“What physiotherapy qualifications do you hold?”

Base = 100

- 32 x BSc Physiotherapy
- 28 x FA Diploma Injury Treatment
- 18 x Member of the CSP
- 10 x State registered physio
- 7 x MSc Physiotherapy
- 6 x Diploma in Sports therapy
- 5 x FA Basic Injury Treatment
- 4 x BSc Sports |Rehabilitation
- 4 x Member Society of sports therapists
- 3 x MSc Sports Science
- 3 x Sports Massage Therapy Treatment
- 2 x BSc Rehabilitation Science
- 2 x MSc Sports and Exercise Medicine
- 2 x FA Post-Graduate Diploma in Football Medicine
- 1 x FA Intermediary Injury Treatment
- 1 x Sports Rehabilitation Diploma
- 1 x None
- 1 x Other
- 0 x Other
**Titles**

“What title do you use to describe your professional role?”

Base = 100
Registration of “Physios”

“Are you currently registered with the HPC?”

- 25% Registered
- 75% Not registered

Base = 68 who call themselves “physiotherapist”

Awareness of HPC requirements

- 43 of the 100 people interviewed are not on the HPC register
- Of the 43 who are not currently on the HPC register
  - 17 include physiotherapist in their job title; 26 call themselves sports therapist
- Of the 17 who use physiotherapist in their job title
  - Only 6 know that from the 8 July 2005 it will be compulsory for everyone calling themselves a physiotherapist to be on the HPC register
Almost all say they will take steps to register

“In light of this, how likely are you to take the steps to register”

%  100  90  80  70  60  50  40  30  20  10  0

Likely   55
Unlikely  5
Don't know  5

Base = 43 not on HPC register