
Health Professions Council meeting summary Thursday 13 December 2007

This is a summary of the decisions made at the Council meeting held on Thursday 13 December. The agenda and papers are available on our website at www.hpc-uk.org/aboutus/council/councilmeetings_archive

Full minutes of the meeting will be published as part of the papers for the next Council meeting.

Counsellors and psychotherapists

The Council considered a recommendation from the Executive that a Professional Liaison Group should be established to consider the regulation of counsellors and psychotherapists. The Council agreed to work proactively to investigate and make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Health on the statutory regulation of counsellors and psychotherapists.

The Council agreed to establish a counsellors and psychotherapists Professional Liaison Group (a working party) in July 2008 to consider the structure of the register, professional titles, the standards of proficiency, standards of education and training, post registration standards and grandparenting arrangements. The Group's membership will include representatives of the profession.

Equality and diversity scheme

The Council approved its equality and diversity scheme.

Post-registration qualifications

The Council agreed further work on the annotation of the register to show post-registration qualifications.

Student fitness to practise

The Council agreed its response to the Department of Health on whether students should be registered. It was the Council's view that the need for student registration had not yet been demonstrated.

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Fee changes

The Council agreed proposed increases to fees, to take effect in 2009. The proposed increases would be at, or below, the rate of inflation and would be subject to a consultation process.

Five year plan

The Council considered and agreed the assumptions and forecasts for its five year financial plan.

Council elections 2008

The Council appointed the returning officer for the 2008 Council elections¹ and agreed that candidates' statements of expenditure should be published on the HPC website.

If you need any further information about the decisions made, please contact Colin Bendall by email at

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The next meeting of the Council is on 27 March 2008.

¹ The elections will be held if the Section 60 Order which will bring about the restructured Council is not enacted by July 2008.