

Routes to register task & finish group

Minutes of second meeting held on Monday 09 November 2015 by teleconference at UKPHR 18c, McLaren Building, 46, Priory Queensway, Birmingham B4 7LR

Present:

Stephen Beglan-Witt, GMC (SBW)
Ros Dunkley, UKPHR Moderator (RD)
Selena Gray, (Chair) UKPHR (SG)
Sue Lloyd, UKPHR's Registration Panel Chair (SL) - by telephone
Viv Speller, UKPHR Board Director (VS) - by telephone

In attendance:

David Kidney, Secretariat (DK)

Apologies:

Claire Cotter, UKPHR Board Director
Ellen Cox, GMC
Brendan Mason, Faculty of Public Health

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the routes to register task & finish group. Apologies for absence as stated above were received. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 05 October 2015

With the amendment at point 6.1 that the group referred to was the "Equivalence Guidance Group" and not the "Consultative Advisory Group" the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

At item 6.1 introduction of the test of knowledge will require legislation. Implementation is still intended to be in 2017. Without the test of knowledge an applicant would not meet the eligibility criteria.

4. Survey results

DK had sent all group members his written report of the results of UKPHR's survey of registrants and stakeholders and he drew attention to the findings where relevant.

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DK

5. First consultation paper

The Chair invited discussion of the options paper which had been circulated with the agenda with a view to agreeing the terms of a first consultation paper to be published by UKPHR in 2015. The following points were made:

- 5.1 VS appreciated the history as an introduction
- 5.2 SL & RD said it was important for their consultation paper to be explicit about the rationale for any non-Standard Training Programme route(s) and for consultees to be able to comment on rationale
- 5.3 SG said there was a case to be made in terms of career mobility and pointed out that CfWI's reports on the public health workforce to date were predicated on a steady flow of specialists into leadership posts. SG would provide DK with some text.
- 5.4 VS emphasised the positive case for a multidisciplinary leadership group with some people crossing to public health careers from senior posts in other sectors and the value of what they bring should be recognised
- 5.5 SBW said the rationale for CESR included enabling entry for those who had not been through the Training Programme route but could demonstrate all the required skills and knowledge – it enabled people all around the world to bring their skills to bear.
- 5.6 The group proceeded to review the draft options paper page by page and made a number of suggestions to improve the document's clarity and completeness.
- 5.7 There was more than one view within the group about how to treat passing of Part A and Part B exams. It was agreed that the consultation questions on this issue would be open to enable respondents to make suggestions. It was agreed that it would be helpful to know how many UKPHR applicants had passed Part A exams. It was also felt that the consultation paper should articulate why passing Part A exams may not be a sufficient or appropriate measure of knowledge.
- 5.8 The group agreed that the consultation paper should contain a question about currency of evidence and as a starting point the practitioner portfolio requirement of 50% of evidence within 3 years could be suggested.
- 5.9 The group was of the view that support for aspiring applicants was a matter for other organisations involved in training and development.
- 5.10 The timescale desired by the group would be Board approval of the consultation paper on 24 November, consultation for 12 weeks between December 2015 and March 2016 and consideration of the responses received by the group at the end of March or early in April 2016.
- 5.11 It was noted that there would be work required later to turn the results of the group's work into a new assessment framework. The group felt that the UKPHR Board should start the ball rolling for this work to be done as soon as possible including by seeking funding from other sources if necessary.

6. Arrangements for consultation

DK outlined UKPHR's plans to circulate and publicise the consultation as follows:

- Direct contact with every registrant
- Direct contact with all current applicants for specialist registration
- Direct contact with Board members, moderators and assessors
- Direct contact with local practitioner registration schemes
- Direct contact with all members of UKPHR's Consultative Forum
- Statements on UKPHR's website, bulletins and newsletters
- Social media activity
- Ask partners and stakeholders to inform their own audiences.

Group members would also be asked to help publicise the consultation in their own networks.

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All

7. Any other business

None.

12. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The Chair invited DK to circulate a Doodle poll to identify a date for the next meeting of the group on or around 05 April 2016.

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