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Joint UK Health and Social Care Regulators PPI Group
Making registers more usable

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The HPC is a member of the Joint UK Health and Social Care Regulators Patient and Public Involvement Group which is made up of all the UK health and social care regulators, including NMC, GDC, GOC and GMC.

The Group was established in January 2005, usually meets four times a year, and is made up of a staff member and a lay Council member of each regulator. It aims to share good practice and information amongst the regulators, but also undertakes specific project work. It is funded by the regulators, proportionately, based on annual income.

Decision

This paper is for information only. No decision is required.

Background information

During 2006 – 2007, the Chief Executive's Registers Working Group asked the PPI Group to undertake a research project to establish how health and social care registers could be made more usable and meaningful for the public. To undertake this work, the PPI Group set up a Registers Working Group which managed the project.

This research was conducted by Opinion Leader Research and the final report was considered by the PPI Group in October and a report, with recommendations, has been produced. Both these documents have been submitted to the Chief Executive's Registers Working Group and are attached for information.

It should be noted that some of the recommendations do not take account of the different roles of regulators and, therefore, that registers are structured differently, however, the research findings are of interest and have been disseminated to relevant HPC departments, particularly Operations and Policy and Standards, and appropriate action will be taken where necessary.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices
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