Operations Report to Finance & Resources Committee, 17th November 2009

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Registration – Richard Houghton

Summary

This paper provides an update from the Registration Department for the period 1 September 2009 to 30 September 2009.

1) Operational Performance

a) Telephone Calls

The Registration Department answered 85.9% of all calls within 30 seconds which exceeds our service standard of answering 80% of calls within 30 seconds.

i) UK Telephone Calls - During the period from 1 September 2009 to 30 September 2009 the team answered a total of 14,283 telephone calls which is 5,643 more than the same period two years ago and represents a 65.3% increase in the number of calls the department handled.

ii) International Telephone Calls - During the period from 1 September 2009 to 30 September 2009 the team answered a total of 1,197 telephone calls which is 179 more than the same period last year.

b) Application Processing

i) UK Applications - A total of 1,163 new applications were received during this period and 1,128 individuals were registered, which is 379 less than the same period last year. Applications took on average 9 working days to process which is within our service standard of processing applications within ten working days of receipt.

Applications for readmission took on average 7 working days to process which is within our service standard of processing applications within ten working days of receipt.

ii) International Applications - A total of 67 new international applications were received in this period and 95 individuals were registered which is 24 less than the same period last year. Applications were on average being processed within six to eight weeks of receipt which exceeds our service standard of processing applications within three months of receipt of all documents.

iii) Grandparenting Applications – A total of 5 new grandparenting applications were received in this period and 2 individuals were registered.

c) Emails

i) UK Emails - The team received approximately 100 emails per day and responded to these on average within two days of receipt which is well within our service standard of five working days.

ii) International Emails - The team received approximately 20/30 emails per day and managed to respond to these on average between two days of receipt which compares favourably with our service standard of five working days response time.

d) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Audit

We requested CPD profiles from 2.5 per cent of biomedical scientists at the beginning of September and assessment days continued to be held throughout the month.

e) Registration Renewals

At the start of July, all registered clinical scientists, prosthetists & orthotists and speech and language therapists were invited to renew their registration for the next two-year cycle. Registrants were given until the 30 September 2009 to renew their registration for the 2009/11 registration period. As a result of the disruption with the postal service the final date that registrants could return their renewal form was extended until the 16 October 2009. This year a record number successfully renewed their registration.

Clinical scientists 97.2% Prosthetists / orthotists 96.2% Speech and language therapists 96%

This is excellent news for these professions. Compared to the last renewal period for these professions the improvement is clear; 92.6% of clinical scientists, 88.7% of prosthetists / orthotists and 92.4% of speech and language therapists renewed two years ago.

The Registration and Communication Departments worked with a number of stakeholders to remind registrants about the importance of renewing their registration. We distributed letters, information and posters via professional body networks and promoted renewal dates on websites and in professional body journals and magazines. This collaborative working with professional bodies has made a real difference and prevented many professionals from lapsing off the HPC Register At the start of August 30,548 renewal forms were sent to occupational therapists and 15,526 renewal forms to practitioner psychologists. As at 28 October 2009 27,625 renewal forms had been returned to HPC from occupational therapists and 12,135 from practitioner psychologists.

As a result of the ongoing postal disruption the closing date for receipt of renewal forms from occupational therapists has been extended from the 31 October 2009 until the 16 November 2009.

Due to it being the first registration renewal cycle for practitioner psychologists the closing date for receipt of renewal forms for practitioner psychologists has been extended from the 31 October 2009 until the 30 November 2009.

At the start of September 22,560 renewal forms were sent to biomedical scientists. As at 28 October 2009 16,788 renewal forms had been returned to HPC.

2) Resource

a) Employees

The department is operating within the budgeted headcount.

3) National Customer Service Week (NCSW)

The Registration Department led the HPC's NCSW celebrations across HPC during the week commencing 5 October 2009. NCSW is designed to raise awareness of customer service and the vital role it plays within an organisation.

By supporting NCSW, we showed our dedication and support to customer service by highlighting its value to the HPC and sending out a meaningful message to others.

The week's events were organised by members of the Cross Department Team (CDT) and the events included:

- Daily quiz
- Job shadowing
- Customer service story competition

- Four cross departmental training sessions which focused on resolving issues and building reputation





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HPC Major Projects Nov FY 2009/10 Narrative

No.	Project name	Commentary
MP34	Online Applications and Renewals Phase 1	 There has been a further three week extension to the roll out date for the online renewals application This is due to issues we have experienced with the configuration of the production environment which has meant that load testing has not been able to commence on time. Examples of these issues are: redirection of sessions, configuration of load balancer, incorrect handling of cookies. The proposed out date is therefore early December with project closure in early January. Definitive dates will be provided at the next committee meeting.

HPC Major Projects 2009/10 Scorecard

No.	Prior ity	Project name	Project Description	Project Sponsor	Project Lead	Project Brief	Project Plan	Business Reqs (if IT)	09/10 Budget*	Due Date	Status
MP4	2b	On-boarding of Hearing Aid Council	Absorption of the Hearing Aid Council	G Ross- Sampson	R Houghton	Y	Y	N	£55(C) £27(O)	01/04/09 01/04/10 29/05/10	
MP34	4	Online Applications and Renewals Phase 1	Providing registrants the ability to renew online	M Seale	G Ross- Sampson	Y	Y	Y	£300 (C) £128(O)	20/03/09 01/11/09 15/11/09	R
MP31	2a	Vetting and Barring Scheme Phase 1 – applicants	Operational and technology changes to comply with the requirements of the Independent Safeguarding Authority protecting children and vulnerable adults	Marc Seale	Kelly Johnson	Y	Y	N	£15(C) £28(O)	30/09/10	
MP35	2c	Registration fee changes 2011	Implementation of updated fees	Marc Seale	Gary Butler	Y	Y	N	£8 (O)	30/04/10	G
MP36	4	FTP case management system Phase 1	Analysis of the technology solutions available that would allow the FTP department to work from a single case management system	Marc Seale	Kelly Johnson	Y	Y	N	£134(C) £11 (O)	30/04/09	E
MP37	4	Renewals cycle review	Operational review of current renewal cycle dates to assess if there would be a benefit in changing the dates to remove the peaks and troughs in the renewal cycle	Greg Ross Sampson	Richard Houghton	Y	Y	N	£12(C)	28/02/10	

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Amber - Indications are that it is probable that project will miss deadline

Red - Project has missed deadline

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* All amounts in £000's

Status of project is static since last reporting cycle

Status of project has declined since last reporting cycle

(C) = Capex (O) = Opex

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MP38	5	Transfer of IT hosting provision	Transfer of the HPC IT Continuity and Web services to an alternate supplier	Marc Seale	Guy Gaskins	Y			£15(C) £74 (O)		Initiation has been commenced; to continue through November with scoping exercise

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Staffing

There are six permanent employees including the Facilities Manager. Services provided include Reception, Building Maintenance, Post Room, Catering, Health & Safety, Insurance and Building Project Management.

22-26 Stannary Street Building Project

The Phase 2 project was completed 4 weeks ahead of schedule with the Policy and Project Management teams moving into the office space on 15 September. All users of the new office accommodation and Meeting Room have voted it a success. The final account is still being agreed between our consultants and the contractors but initial indications suggest that this will come in on budget.

Other building works

The replacement Central Heating Boiler for Park House has been installed and commissioned. The replacement external windows and doors to the Park House kitchen have also been installed. Additional Access Control throughout the building will be installed late November/early December

Health & Safety

The Fire and Safety Team where trained in their roles on 4 September 2009. The Facilities Manager is scheduled to undertake formal training in early December with a view to obtaining the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) qualification in Managing Safely.

Human Resources

No changes.

Quality Management System (QMS) review meetings and internal audits

An internal audit schedule for 2009-10 is ongoing

Information Security work in light of the Poynter Review continues.

Analysis of Feedback and Customer Service are continuing on a monthly basis.

QMS process updates

Information Security parameters are being evaluated to match ISO27001 and CISMP as best practice. This will be ongoing for the remainder of the financial year.

Finance department processes have been updated, following review by Gary Butler and the Finance team.

Fitness to Practice processes have been updated in light of the Business Analysts work associated with the FTP IT project.

Communications processes have been updated following a major review.

Information Risk training is ongoing across HPC employees.

BSI Audit

The latest audit by BSI took place on 21st October 2009. This covered Communications, Customer Service, Finance and

Grandparenting. Our registration was maintained with no nonconformances. Our auditor indicated that our efforts to train all employees on the use of ISO9001 are some of the best she has seen, and verbally highlighted our commitment to Quality. BSI hope to use HPC as a case study.

A copy of the audit report is attached.

Business Continuity

Minor changes to supporting information are being made to ensure the pack is as user friendly as possible.

Information & Data Management

Continued planning is taking place around integration of all intranet based information sources, Springfield, QMS and "Intranet" in conjunction with Tony Glazier in Communications.

Archive relocation – awaiting finalisation of insurance cover for the archived materials in transit. This is dependant on the outcome of our Poynter response document. An audit of part of the archive is taking place, to improve document security.

The audit of the hardcopy archive continues and will be completed before moving to the new supplier.

Risk Register

Greg Ross-Sampson & Roy Dunn met the Home Office Risk expert to learn best practice in central government.

Assessment Report Health Professions Council



Report Author Lisa Clarke Visit Start Date 21/10/2009



Introduction

This report has been compiled by Lisa Clarke and relates to the assessment activity detailed below:

Visit ref/Type/Date/Duration	Certificate/Standard	Site address
7265176	FS 83074	Health Professions Council
Continuing Assessment (Surveillance)	ISO 9001:2008	Park House
21/10/2009		184 Kennington Park Road
		London
1 day(s)		SE11 4BU
No. Employees: 125		United Kingdom

The objective of the assessment was to continue progress of the assessment programme leading up to the strategic review in April 2010.

Management Summary

The areas assessed during the course of the visit were found to be effective.

There were no outstanding nonconformities to review from previous assessments.

No new nonconformities were identified during the assessment. Enhanced detail relating to the overall assessment findings is contained within subsequent sections of the report.

Areas Assessed & Findings

Registrations – Grandparenting

The grand parenting process is in use for the psychologists who now need to register with HPC as a statutory requirement. The process has not been used for 3 years and has been thoroughly reviewed and updated in preparation for the new profession intake. Samples were used to demonstrate compliance with the plans and these appeared to demonstrate that the system works well so far. Fewer applications have been received than anticipated and it is proving difficult to forecast when the remainder will arrive over the coming 3 year period.

The process is carefully controlled using software records to track actions and progress. Target timescales have been put in place for acknowledgement of applications and for progress of the application.

The processes are monitored via a series of spot checks which are recorded. Historical statistics are being built up and will be used to identify any learning gaps or improvement potential within the team.

Communications

The communications team are responsible for communications strategy within the Health Professions Council. Their work is covered by the quality management system and is split between process driven tasks and project based work. This is organised via a work plan which links to a five year plan.

The main processes within Communications are controlled via process documentation, which has been written by the Director of Communications with input from the team. Quality and progress of work is reviewed regularly via update meetings and team meetings. There is also a monthly report to the Communications committee.

Customer Services

Customer service is a high priority for the Council, and it is a stated objective to ensure that all complaints are responded to promptly in a full and frank manner. Reporting on customer satisfaction has been developed over the last six months and better statistical information is now available for analysis.

Finances

Financial processes are included in the quality system and these are currently undergoing a thorough review by the new Financial Director, who has plans to transfer them into a Visio format. Risk points in the system have been identified, and these have been planned to include second person intervention with authority levels as appropriate.

The department works on a rolling five year plan linking to the annual budget and work plans. The teams are split two ways - accounting and transactions. An away day is planned and will include Sage accounting, team building and some emphasis on the redevelopment of the quality processes in Visio.

Suppliers are managed via Sage. They are reassessed every 4 years with a tender process in place for high level spend.

Assessment Participants

On behalf of the organisation:

Name	Position
Roy Dunne	Head of Business Process Improvement
Cherise Evans	PA to Operations Directorate
Tom Berrie	Information Services Manager
Greg Ross-Sampson	Operations Director
David Waddle	Customer Services Manager
Richard Houghton	Head of Registrations
Jacqueline Ladds	Director of Communications
Tony Glazier	Web Manager
Charlotte Milner	Financial Controller
Gary Butler	Director of Finance

The assessment was conducted on behalf of BSI by:

Name	Position
Lisa Clarke	Team leader

Continuing Assessment

The programme of continuing assessment is detailed below.

Site Address	Certificate Reference/Visit Cycle						
Health Professions Council	FS 83074						
Park House 184 Kennington Park Road	Visit interval:	6 months					
London	Visit duration:	7 hours					
SE11 4BU United Kingdom	Next re-certification:	01/04/2007					

Re-certification by Strategic Review will be conducted on completion of the cycle, or sooner as required. The review will focus on the strengths and weaknesses of your Management System.

Certification Assessment Plan

		Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3	Visit 4	Visit 5	Visit 6
Business area/Location	Date (mm/yy):	10/07	04/08	10/08	04/09	10/09	04/10
	Duration (days):	1	1	1	1	1	1
Registrations UK							
Registrations International							
Registrations Grand parenting							
Communications							
Approvals & Monitoring							
Fitness to Practice							
HR/Partner Validation							
Purchasing & supplier evaluation							
Secretariat							
Customer Services							
Finance							
Management System Organisation and Review							
Senior Management Interview							
Preparation for Strategic Review							
Strategic Review							
Staff development and Training							
Policy							

Report Author Lisa Clarke

Visit Start Date 21/10/2009

Next Visit Plan

Visit objectives:

The next visit will conclude the current 3 year assessment cycle. This will include a review of the recertification pack and will also assess the various senior management responsibilities via interview with one of the top management team.

Visit scope:

As detailed below:

Date	Assessor	Time	Area/Process	Clause
	Lisa Clarke	09.30	Opening meeting - BSI formalities, updates.	
		10.00	Review of recertification pack	
		11.00	Senior management interview	
		12.00	Any outstanding assessment activity	
		12.30	Lunch	
		13.30	Quality system*	
		14.30	Report writing and certification decision	
		16.00	Closing meeting	

Please note that BSI reserves the right to apply a charge equivalent to the full daily rate for cancellation of the visit by the organisation within 30 days of an agreed visit date. It is a condition of Registration that a deputy management representative be nominated. It is expected that the deputy would stand in should the management representative find themselves unavailable to attend an agreed visit within 30 days of its conduct.

Notes

The assessment was based on sampling and therefore nonconformities may exist which have not been identified.

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