

Social Care Operational Group Meeting

Monday 17 May 2010, Scotland's Colleges at 1000

Present: Eleanor Harris, Cardonald College (*Chair*)
 Maureen Anderson, SIRCC
 Julie Brechin, J&E College
 Jill McCallum, Aberdeen College, VC
 Anne Campbell, James Watt College
 Jayne Gracie, Borders College
 Minnie Ker, Kilmarnock College
 Olwen Kirkpatrick, Clydebank College
 Sybil Lang, Scotland's Colleges
 Toni McIlwraith, Banff and Buchan College
 Ann McSorley, SSSC
 Scott Morrison, GCNS
 Marianne Murphy, South Lanarkshire College
 Hannah Ritchie, Forth Valley College
 Shona Robertson, Adam Smith College
 Barbara Slater, Scotland's Colleges (*Minutes*)
 Sandra Swankie, Angus College
 Vanessa Telfer, Anniesland College
 Kate White, Inverness College, VC

Graham McCann, SIRCC, *one item only*

Apologies: Susan Berry, Shetland College
 Sue Broussine, Stevenson College
 Jane Carruthers, Edinburgh's Telford College
 Pauline Crawford, Edinburgh's Telford College
 Jackie Graham, Scotland's Colleges
 Alison Harold, SSSC
 Loraine McDermott, Cumbernauld College
 Sheila MacLennan, Lews Castle College
 Christine Mathers, Scotland's Colleges
 Marisa Meechan, SQA
 Liz Miller, Coatbridge College
 Susan Parker, Dumfries and Galloway College
 Margaret Paterson, Langside College
 Elaine Stewart, Dundee College
 Simon Towler, West Lothian College
 Robin Young, Carnegie College

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1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>E Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting She welcomed those attending by VC: Jill McCallum, Aberdeen College; and Kate White, Inverness College. She also indicated apologies from Marisa Meechan, whose paper was tabled, and Alison Harold, SSSC. She also thanked Graham McCann, SIRCC, for joining the meeting to present on training materials 'We can and must do better'.</p>	

<p>2.</p>	<p>'We can and must do better' training materials Graham McCann, SIRCC</p> <p>E Harris welcomed Graham McCann, SIRCC, and formerly of the Scottish Government to present on the above. The link for the presentation is at:</p> <p>http://www.scotlandscolleges.ac.uk/organisational/health-and-social-care-sectors-project/social-care-operational-group.html</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minute was approved as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters arising: Early Education SCQF Level 6 group award – It was established in discussion that the award had input from social care as well as health and it was agreed to seek further clarity through the SQA arrangements document re any reference to undertaking certain SVQ Units allowing SSSC registration . Details will be sent to AMcS who will then follow up with SSSC</p> <p>Also noted SSSC workforce solutions portal which is excellent in terms of user engagement for students and staff http://workforcesolutions.sssc.uk.com/</p> <p>Statistics for social care attrition – A McSorley stated that it is difficult to obtain accurate and robust statistics. The following information is provided by a number of sources: December 2007 198,000 in workforce Between 1998-2007 there was a 53% growth prediction in care With a 12% overall workforce growth 1995 55% of the workforce was employed by local authorities In 2007 36% of the workforce was employed by local authorities 35% by the private sector 29% Voluntary sector</p> <p>S Lang reported that there are 15,500 Support Workers of Care Home Service for Adults of whom only 1400 are registered to date. It can be extrapolated that there is a reasonable market to support through the college sector.</p> <p>It was noted that there are likely to be some issues to be addressed re qualifications for registration and that SSSC and Scotland's colleges can work together on this.</p>	<p>AMcS</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>SQA update – Marisa Meechan</p> <p>The meeting noted the tabled report.</p>	

5.	Care Steering Group Update	Action
	<p>S Lang reported that the CSSG had met on Thursday 22 April 2010. This was the third meeting in its new format including representation from Universities Scotland; SSSC; Skills for Health; NES; SQA; SFC; NHS Boards and from the Government Dr Ingrid Clayden; Karen Lockhart and David Stevenson. SDS will also now be attending the CSSG. Universities Scotland (Frank Crossan) was in attendance.</p>	
	<p>The SFC created articulation funding has led to the geographic establishment of six hubs (involving the college sector; HEIs; local authorities; health boards): RGU, Glasgow Caledonian, UWS, Open University, Abertay/Dundee, and ELRAH.</p>	
	<p>Friday 28 May 2010 Articulation for All Conference RGU Aberdeen – Share experiences and examples of good practice relating to articulation between HN and degree qualifications</p>	
	<p>http://www.rgu.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/events</p>	
	<p>The SFC and NES have agreed a memo of understanding on priorities.</p>	
	<p>Lifelong Learning (David Stevenson) has a potential tie-in with SDS.</p>	
	<p>E Harris summed up by saying that CSSG is gradually building its reputation, widening its scope as appropriate across the whole spectrum of related organisations seeking matches in qualifications etc. and working to avoid duplication of effort eg. the relationship between SSSC and the reorganised IRISS. She concluded by saying that embedding this kind of dialogue by getting all related organisations round the table together should not be underestimated – the CSSG is a very good vehicle to promote inter-agency partnership and working together towards a common goal.</p>	
	<p>It was agreed to engage with IRISS – Alison Petch, Director. It was agreed to invite Alison to the next appropriate meeting of the Social Care operational Group to present on their activities:</p>	
	<p>Knowledge management Research</p>	
	<p>Service improvement and change.</p>	

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6.	<p>SSSC/NES/SfH activity update – Sybil Lang</p> <p>S Lang reported on the very good progress being made by Bob Parry, Nursing and Midwifery - Associate Director, NES and Mary Howden, Head of Education and Workforce Development, SSSC identifying courses across the country that are not nationally recognised and pulling these together within the college sector eg. Dumfries and Galloway Level 3 which does not fit into the currency.</p> <p>Adam Ingram, MSP, has said that where partnerships are working well there is a synergy of: Purpose People Process Performance</p> <p>She talked about the learning networks eg. Tayforth. Roles within local authorities and health boards are dependant on local partnership working and hinge on budget set up.</p> <p>Leadership action for social services – http://www.sssc.uk.com/sssc/news/action-plan-for-leadership-in-scotlands-social-services-launches-today.html</p> <p>It was noted to keep the group informed of developments in reshaping care for older people.</p> <p>IRISS – Coming of Age: Dementia in the 21st Century Tuesday 19 October-Thursday 21 October 2010 ExCel International Conference Centre, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock, London, E16 1XL This conference is aimed at all those who work with and support people with dementia. The conference will address critical issues in practice across the range of professions and organisations that support people with dementia. The themes address key issues prioritised in national dementia strategies both in the UK and internationally. For further information please visit http://www.iriss.org.uk/events</p>	<p>SL</p>
7.	<p>College Projects related to Social Care Provision/Qualifications</p> <p>Greater Glasgow Articulation Hub Project – E Harris reported that there is likely to be an impact on places; due to the tight settlement for this year and the hubs are feeding back to SFC on this. One possibility is to introduce a cost effective model of 2+2 ie. the first two years delivered exclusively by college sector and HEIs picking up on years three onwards.</p> <p>Health and social care academies – S Lang reported that the academies are very much workforce driven and are good examples of current practice. It was noted that a future meeting could feature a presentation.</p>	<p>SL</p>

8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>It was noted that all group members will be automatically approached for agenda items for all meetings.</p> <p>It was noted that Alison Harold, SSSC would be interested in presenting to the group at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>EH</p>
9.	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>It was suggested that a joint meeting of the three operational groups might usefully be held in late September and that in the first instance the three chairs will meet late June to discuss.</p>	<p>EH/SL/BS</p>