

**Health & Social Care Professions Education & Development** Gairmeoirí Slainte agus Cúram Sóisialta, Oideachas agus Forbairt **Health Service Executive** Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte **Merlin Park** 

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## Health and Social Care Professionals Education and Development Advisory Group

## **Purpose of the Group**

The overall purpose of the Advisory Group is to:

- Act as a focal point and clearing house for issues related to H&SCP and form specific groups to deal with issues as needed.
- Provide an opportunity for both professionals to have a 'voice' and HSE to take advice.
- Provide an opportunity for shared learning and networking.
- Influence the direction of Education Training and Research (ETR) in the organisation.
- Identify synergies and commonalities as well as differences.
- Model and reinforce interdisciplinary working and learning

## **Terms of Reference**

- 1) The H&SCP Education Advisory Group will provide a mechanism for Health and Social Care Professionals to provide advice in relation to education and development to the appropriate functions in the HSE on a collaborative basis.
- 2) Provide structured input into the strategic direction of the H&SCP Education and Development Unit and the HSE's roles and responsibilities in relation to Health and Social Care Professionals education and training. Particular areas where advice may be sought include:
  - a) International best practice and trends in education and training.
  - b) Review of the working arrangements in place with educational partners.

- c) The development and delivery of education in the context of ensuring that education is in step with the ongoing service developments and demands of the Irish healthcare system.
- d) The balance of both hospital and community based education.
- e) Facilitating continuous development and maintenance of currency of skills.
- f) Supporting and strengthening interdisciplinary education and work and interagency work.
- 3) The Advisory Group will support service development through collation and provision of relevant data.
- 4) The Advisory Group will work within the overall context of relevant legislation, Government policy and HSE Board policy and will take into consideration recommendations emanating from relevant national groupings, committees etc., the HSE's Education, Training and Research Committee and other relevant groups.
- 5) The Advisory Group will not duplicate the work of other representative groups established by the HSE.