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GOC stakeholder engagement activity 2009-10

For information

Issue:

Attached is a paper providing an update on activity under the stakeholder engagement programme in 2009/10.

Recommendation(s):

The paper is for information.

Annexes:

The following annexes are attached to this paper:

Annex 1: GOC stakeholder engagement activity 2009-10

Further information:

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Stakeholder engagement summary table – February 2010

Consultations launched since April 2009:

- Five-year strategy (two parts of consultation)
- Welsh Language Scheme
- Registration fee structure
- Investigation Committee guidance

Consultations replied to since April 2009:

We have replied to nine consultations since April 2009:

- One by the DH
- Six by other regulators (including one joint response with the optical bodies)
- One by a government agency
- One by an optical body

Stakeholder engagement events held:

- Codes of Conduct consultation event April 2009.
- Four access to the registers consultation events in Autumn 2009; one in each of the four countries of the UK.
- Five revalidation events in February 2010; two in England and one each in the other countries of the UK.
- New Codes of Conduct implementation event, 16 February 2010.

Stakeholder engagement events planned:

- CET stakeholder event in London on 25 March.

Stakeholder engagement events attended:

- Trading Standards Institute Conference
- Optrafair
- Student roadshows at all institutions offering training in optometry and dispensing optics, as a route to GOC registration
- Scottish Health Service regulation event
- Citizens Advice Conference
- ABDO Conference
- Three main political party conferences
- Eye Health Alliance Parliamentary reception
- APPG on Eye Health listening event (eyecare services for people with learning disabilities)
- National Optometric Conference
- Regularly attend:

- APPG on eye health
- APPG on patient safety
- Eye Health Alliance
- Regulators' PPI group

Miscellaneous:

- Launched quarterly e-Bulletin *GOC Stakeholder Update*, currently going to 400 contacts.
- Planning to launch two stakeholder reference groups in 2010, as outlined by Council (see item 10 on agenda).
- Inviting patients and registrants to form focus groups as part of public awareness project.
- Launched patient and public survey.
- Launched CET surveys for optometrists and DOs.