

NRCPD Practitioners' Forum

Conference Call – 2:00 on 02 October 2018 Minutes

Present

- Brett Best ASLI
- Vikki Bridson Vice VLP
- Beverley Roberts ALS
- Jean Gough AVSTTR
- Nicole Harrison BIVR

In attendance

- Kate Price (NRCPD)

Apologies

- Jayne Oakes
- ANP

Minutes of 17 October 2017 meeting

1. The minutes were approved.

NRCPD Update

Staffing

2. KP informed the members that Alan Peacock had resigned as Director and Registrar of NRCPD. The recruitment process for a replacement was already underway.

Review of the NOS

3. The revised NOS had been approved and published on the UK standards website. An Article would be published in the February newsletter.

Changes to requirements for Trainee Sign Language Interpreters

4. The new requirements would be implemented from 1 April 2018. Guidance around the new requirements would be published later this month.

Disclosure and Barring Service

5. Following discussions at the previous meeting about DBS checks for Registrants, NRCPD had contacted the DBS to discuss why Registrants were having difficulty obtaining an enhanced DBS check. We were informed by the DBS that the Registrants should be applying for a standard level disclosure.
6. All Registrants and Trainees were informed about the change in requirement for their DBS check, and some FAQs were published on the website.
7. KP conformed that an enhanced disclosure was still acceptable, and that the minimum requirement was a standard disclosure.

Publishing Complaints

8. Complaint summaries had been published on the website and these would continue to be published as cases were completed.

CPD review

9. KP informed the group of the decisions that had been made about CPD at the December Board meeting. The forum was asked to nominate members of their associations to join a working group who would make recommendations for further improvements and changes to the CPD policy. The decisions made at the December Board meeting were:
 - The requirement for 24 hours of CPD over a 12 month period would remain.
 - The size of the sample of registrants selected for audit would be reduced from 10% to 5%.
 - The auditors report would be published in full.
 - The structured/unstructured requirement would remain for the time being, alternatives would be discussed by the working group.

- A working group would be convened to discuss the CPD system, this would focus on the structured/unstructured requirement and reflective practice.

10. Some members of the forum were disappointed that more progress had not been made with the development of the CPD policy.

Route to Registration for STTRs

11. A Signature training course had been approved as a route to registration for speech to text reporters. The course would run in London later in the year.

12. NH asked to be involved in this training course. KP advised she would pass NH's details to the qualifications manager at Signature who was managing the training course.

Registration Fees

13. The differentials of registration fees were discussed. VBV felt that it is unfair that sign language translators pay the highest fee as there is not a lot of available translator work, and they often have to supplement their income with other work.

14. The recent rise in fees was discussed. The members said it was understood that becoming independent will come at a cost, however they want more transparency in how the income from registration fees is spent. Registrants want value for money and want to understand how their money is spent.

15. JG said that if fees were to increase significantly for STTRs, a number of AVSTTR members would reconsider their position as registrants.

Separation from Signature

16. VBV asked for an update on the separation of NRCPD and Signature. KP informed the forum that the Boards were still aiming for full separation by 2020. Signature and NRCPD are working together on a separation plan.

New data Protection Laws

17. VBV asked for an update on the GDPR. KP advised that the ICO had still not confirmed what the changes would be, however NRCPD would ensure compliance.

Newly Qualified Lipspeakers working in Court

18. BR raised a concern that newly qualified lipspeakers were undertaking assignments that they may be beyond their competence, for example, court work. BR asked if NRCPD could take any action to prevent this.

19. KP advised that there are no practice restrictions on any fully qualified registrants in any of the categories. The forum had a wider discussion about the absence of any practice restrictions for newly qualified registrants, and felt this should be explored by the sector in the future.

Supervision of TSLI

20. BB asked for an overview of the role of the TSLI supervisor. KP gave an explanation and advised that the new guidance for TSLIs, Supervisors and Endorsers would soon be published and a clear explanation of the role of the supervisor would be included.

21. BB asked if NRCPD would consider changing the title of supervisor to avoid confusion with the role of professional supervisor. KP advised this had been discussed when the TSLI requirements were under review, and it was decided the term was generally understood and accepted and should therefore remain for the time being.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place in May or June and would be a face to face meeting.

Action Points

1. Convene a working group to make recommendations for further changes to the CPD policy.

