

ASLI & NRCPD update meeting | 12 May 2014

In attendance

- Dan Sumners (NRCPD)
- David Wolfenden (ASLI)
- Gail Dixon (ASLI)
- Jim Edwards (NRCPD)

Follow up to last meeting

1. At the last meeting we discussed the fact NRCPD could not ask to see registrants' [Disclosure & Barring Service \(DBS\) certificates](#). Some registrants were concerned this diluted the value of their membership.
2. NRCPD sought legal advice. It was confirmed NRCPD was not eligible to see certificates. A [website article that explained the DBS requirements](#) was published recently.
3. The [Fit and Proper Person's declaration](#) was a legally stronger measure for protecting the public.
4. The ASLI representatives said DBS had told some people that sign language interpreters (SLIs) did not need a DBS check. ASLI and NRCPD would investigate.

Self audit

5. Following recent consultation, in particular the consultation workshop on 27 January 2014, the NRCPD Board considered contributions from stakeholders regarding the strengthening of registration. After discussing the feedback, the Board agreed to take a pause in the proceedings in an effort to ensure clarity on the way forward. The Board also recognised the need to continue improvements in communication with stakeholders so they fully understood the rationale for any proposed changes.
6. In the coming months, NRCPD would complete its internal audit to measure organisational performance and practice against the standards required of a statutory regulator. This would identify what internal processes needed to be strengthened in order to meet those standards. This would feed in to a detailed plan of action for strengthening registration.

7. NRCPD wanted to make sure all categories of registrant had standards based on National Occupational Standards. This was easier for some than others. The Board would consider whether the goal of regulation was for all categories or just some, with a register being held for the others.
8. A progress report would be considered at the NRCPD Board meeting in July. The meeting would begin to consider how a Board constitution of half lay trustees and half professional trustees could be achieved.
9. The Board and NRCPD would continue to consult with service users, practitioners, purchasers and registrants while developing the plan.

Links with other professional associations

10. Whilst accepting that various associations existed, NRCPD wanted the profession to speak to it with one voice.
11. ASLI agreed it was often useful when other associations were at registration consultation events.

Continuing Professional Development audit

12. At a meeting with David Wolfenden on 26 February 2014 it was agreed that from 1 April 2014 ASLI members who were registered with NRCPD would enter their full CPD hours on the NRCPD website for revalidation.
13. The Board had authorised NRCPD to audit the CPD of 10 per cent of professionals from each registered category. The aim was to assess
 - a. compliance with NRCPD's CPD requirements;
 - b. quality of the CPD completed by the registered communication professionals selected for audit; and
 - c. determine whether
 - i. CPD activity was accepted for structured or unstructured hours;
 - ii. there was evidence of attending/completing the CPD activity; and
 - iii. there was sufficient evidence to ascertain learning outcomes achieved.
14. The audit was underway. The report of the CPD panel would be presented at the July NRCPD Board meeting. The outcomes would be published.
15. NRCPD was considering the pros and cons of inputs and outcomes based approaches to CPD.

16. ASLI asked if feedback would be provided to registrants whose CPD had been audited. NRCPD would confirm the types of feedback that would be offered.

Access to Work

17. The [Department for Work and Pensions Access to Work scheme](#) was causing problems for deaf people and the communication professionals that supported them. The [UK Council on Deafness](#) (UKCoD) was developing a campaign to tackle the issue.
18. ASLI had been concerned it was not aware of all developments regarding Access to Work.
19. At a meeting on 23 April 2014 it was confirmed that all UKCoD members should be involved. Dan Sumners had been in touch with Jen Smith (ASLI) to communicate this. Nicky Evans (ASLI) and Wes Mehaffy (ASLI) would receive all communications and be invited to all meetings related to UKCoD Access to Work initiatives. All communications would also be sent to board@asli.org.uk.