

NRPSI REVIEW POST REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

Communiqué re meeting held 22/02/2010

Present: Brooke Townsley (chair)
Tony Bell
John Hammond
Willie Makin
Alan Thompson

Apologies: Keith Moffitt
Zuzana Windle

Please find below indication of the main points discussed at the sub-committee meeting held on the date shown above.

Heads of discussion during the meeting were:

1. The matter of membership bodies and their relationship to the Regulator's List. It was pointed out that preferential disclosure of data from the Regulator's List to any one membership body, existing or yet to be created, would probably encounter legal obstacles. It was therefore tentatively agreed that the recommended arrangement should be that information from the Regulator's List be available equally to all or any PSIT membership bodies, based on preferences indicated to the Regulator by an individual registrant. It was noted, however, that this was potentially a highly cumbersome structure and needed further consideration.
2. It was agreed therefore that the sub-committee research how the relationship between, for example, the Law Society and the Solicitors' Regulatory Authority, the Bar Council and the Barristers' Standards Board and/or various professional membership bodies and the Health Care Professions Council was managed. It is hoped that this will provide exemplars that might be followed in the case of the Public Service Interpreting regulator and linked membership bodies.
3. This discussion also raised the question of whether the establishment of a new PSIT membership body was a task that the sub-committee was tasked with by the Review, and whether the Chartered Institute of Linguists, itself a membership body, would accept a recommendation that it establish a new membership body, in addition to the NRPSI regulator. This remained an open question.
4. The sub-committee noted that it had received notification from Keith Moffitt that, due to pressure of work, he could not continue on the sub-committee. The sub-committee recorded its appreciation for his participation so far. Keith Moffitt has now stood down from the sub-committee; this will be reflected in the record.
5. It was noted that it remains for the Appointments Commission to be contacted about its possible role in the establishment of the Board of the Regulator.
6. The date of the next teleconference meeting was agreed for 1000 on Monday 15th March 2010.