

NRPSI Review Forum

30 January 2010

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February 2009, decision by Council :

- to explore the differences over the function, management and policy of the NRPSI that have emerged in recent years, seeking to establish mutual understanding of the facts and informed recognition of the positions of the parties involved
- to discuss and understand the aspirations of the various parties
- to map out areas where differences can be resolved, with a view to further constructive development, and to identify areas where differences persist

March 2009, AGM Resolution :

- That the Council shall put in place a mechanism to resolve within six months the differences concerning the National Register of Public Service Interpreters

Review process :

- Draft terms of reference
- Appointment of Panel
- Invitation of submissions
- Panel deliberations
- Report and recommendations to Council, 28 November 2009

Independent Review

“ THE FUTURE OF THE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF
PUBLIC SERVICE
INTERPRETERS”

Council decision to adopt Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 :

Recommendation 1

- That the NRPSI only undertakes a regulatory function as prescribed in the White Paper.

Recommendation 2

- Consideration should be given to how the PSIs' needs for membership functions could be progressed.

Recommendation 3

- That the NRPSI should be reconstituted to be INDEPENDENT of the CIOL. When reorganised to undertake a regulator function as prescribed in the White Paper the NRPSI should be constituted as a charity or not for profit company

Appointment of sub-committee

- **Members :**

Brooke Townsley, Chair of NRPSI (chair)

Tony Bell, Chair of CIOL Council

John Hammond, Chief Executive

Guillermo Makin, Council member

Keith Moffitt, Vice-Chair of Council

Alan Thompson, RPSI elected representative

Zuzana Windle, RPSI elected representative

Terms of reference :

- to investigate and report to CIOL Council on the process by which the NRPSI can be established as a non-statutory regulator in line with the recommendations of the Review report as informed by the 2007 White Paper on Health Care Regulation
- to investigate and report back to CIOL Council on the process by which NRPSI Limited, the holder of the National Register, can cease to be a subsidiary of the Institute and be reconstituted as an independent charity or not-for-profit organisation

- to investigate and report back to CIOL Council on how PSIs needs for membership functions can be progressed in line with the recommendations of the Review report
- in carrying out the above, to take into account further recommendations in the report of the Review Panel as it considers relevant and necessary

- ***Independence from the CIOL***
- ***Regulatory functions***
- ***Membership and professional services***

Legal Form & Governance:

- New company created as a Company Limited by Guarantee?
- Charitable Status?
- Board of Directors/Trustees/Governors?
- Composition: lay and professional?
- Independently appointed or elected?

Regulatory Functions:

Characteristics:

- Acts in the interest of the public and has processes open and accountable to the public and the profession
- Acts independently of professional bodies
- Concerns the setting, attainment and independent validation of professional standards
- Sets rules of acceptable standards of conduct, leading to a level of public trust and confidence in the profession and its practitioners

Examples: GMC, GDC, SRA

Professional Membership Body:

Characteristics:

- Acts in the interest of its professional membership
- Acts independently of the regulatory body
- May liaise between practitioners and the regulatory body in the case of a complaint
- Ensures members meet CPD requirements and may facilitate this by offering training and networking opportunities

Examples: BMA, BDA, Law Society

Hybrid Structure:

- Risk: that regulatory functions may operate in the interests of the profession, rather than in the public interest
- Inconsistent with desire to seek statutory regulation or statutory protection of title
- Difficulty of attracting lay or independent participation in governance

Next steps

- Sub-committee work
- Information gathering and consultation
- Consultation with other stakeholders
- Formulate advice and recommendations to Council
- Feedback through public forum
- Decision by Council

Implementation and Timetable