

Summary of Health Education Improvement Wales's (HEIW) Education Commissioning and Quality Committee (ECQC) held on 16 September 2020

Due to restrictions imposed during the current public health emergency we were unable to hold our September meeting of the ECQC in public. As a result, we have produced this summary of the meeting. We will also publish the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting within 14 days of the meeting. The papers discussed can be found in the corporate section of HEIW's website <https://heiw.nhs.wales/>.

Although held via videoconferencing, the meeting was carried out as normal in line with due process, with the necessary number of committee members in attendance to form a quorate and for decisions to be made and formally agreed.

Welcome and Minutes.

The Chair, Ruth Hall, welcomed everybody to the meeting during this challenging period.

The Committee approved the minutes, subject to minor amendments, of its previous meeting held on 2 July.

1. Health Professional Education Contracts

The Committee considered the final procurement proposals in relation to the Health Professional Education Contracts (the Contracts).

It was noted that the Contracts represent the largest commissioning process undertaken by HEIW and will seek to secure pre-registration health professional education for Wales for the next seven to ten years.

The Contracts Specifications reflect extensive consultation with stakeholders together with extensive research of international best practice undertaken by HEIW.

The Committee agreed to, subject to the documents incorporating suggestions made by the Committee:

- endorse the plan and procurement strategy and;
- recommend the submission of the Invitation to Tender and Contract Specification to the Board;
- recommend to the Board that the Procurement Report be submitted to the Director of Procurement at NWSSP and Welsh Government.

2. Welsh Language provision within the Health Professional Education Contracts

The Committee received a report which outlined the measures contained within the Health Professional Education Contracts to strengthen Welsh language education and enhance the Welsh language skills of the future NHS workforce.

The Committee noted the report with pleasure.

3. Terms of reference for the Committee's two new advisory groups

The Committee considered the terms of reference for its two new advisory groups: the Multi-Professional Quality and Education Group and the Education Advisory Group.

It was agreed that, subject to a number of amendments being incorporated, that the terms of reference be considered by each group during their inaugural meetings.

4. Close

There being no further matter to consider the meeting was concluded.