

Rapid Action Placement Oversight Group

Monday 7 December 2020, 13.00 – 15.00

Shortened Meeting Note

Agenda Item	Discussion
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies
2.	<p>Review of action notes 19.11.20 and matters arising (Paper 1)</p> <p>The note was accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Action log was reviewed, and updates as follows:</p> <p>Action 2.1: IT issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Funding Council have made funds available to HEIs and Colleges to support provision of IT equipment. This funding is not ring fenced for health and devices are allocated by the HEI or College based on student need in line with set criteria. • Health boards looking at whether students can use their own personal devices. E-health, information governance and data protection leads are currently evaluating the risk associated with this. If personal laptops cannot be used, then the number of devices required will be much higher. • The need for devices is not profession specific it relates to NMAHPs. • Issues around access, devices and compatibility of IT systems have been raised through other forums. Discussion will be picked up a meeting of Joint Information Systems Committee (there is a representative from an NHS health board on this group). Once full details available these will be shared with RAPOG. • NES Digital Director is taking discussions back to e-health leads around short term solutions. Need to facilitate a round table discussion with key representatives including information governance/data protection leads to ensure all aspects of the challenges are full understood and addressed. • Further work required on licenses before details submitted to Scottish Government <p>Actions: NES to facilitate round table discussion and find details of membership of National Implementation Group</p> <p>Action 2.2: household bubbles guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students on placement will be included as part of workforce testing on return after Christmas break. There is a DL and FAQ guide due out from Scottish Government this week. • Outstanding query in relation to impact of household bubbles and self-isolation rules on students who are moving to a new placement location out with their home geographical area and are requiring staying in alternative accommodation. Similar query was raised in relation to medical trainees who are classified as key workers and therefore exempt from the rules. Clarification on this point in the guidance would be beneficial. <p>Action: Scottish Government to clarify within guidance</p> <p>Action 3.1 - FAQs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAQs drafted and circulated.

	<p>Action 3.5 – HNC OT and inclusion in indemnity insurance scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Government confirmed that OT HNC articulating into second year students are now included in the indemnity insurance scheme <p>Action 7 – student accommodation costs on placement following discussions with SAAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter will be issued to HEI Deans this week clarifying the position
<p>3.</p>	<p>Strategic Oversight Group 3 Year Plan (Paper 2)</p> <p>The group reviewed the three-year action plan that was developed by the Strategic Oversight Group. Actions that arose included:</p> <p>Actions: NES to provide Scottish Government with PEL costs for consideration and instigate business case around increase to PEF and CHEF infrastructure</p> <p>Council of Deans and NES to work on annual license costs and numbers and submit to Scottish Government</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Christmas message will be issued from CNO along the lines of a thank you, acknowledging how difficult the year has been and that challenges will stay with us for next year, deeply grateful for contribution • Acknowledged wider communication issue in terms of awareness of RAPOG and its function. This has been raised again at SEND and should be raised directly with Heads of Midwifery and AHP Directors and through networks RAPOG members are members of. • Key messages are RAPOG is taking a national approach to practice learning and placements, we do welcome innovation but helpful if it comes via the group so we know what is going on and can share and check for national unintentional consequences. RAPOG is a conduit for all things national practice learning. • Highlight notes from each meeting are made available on the RAPOG website and group members are encouraged to circulate these through their networks.
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>Updates</p> <p>Council of Deans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student self-testing started at pace last week. • HEIs closed from 18 December 2021 and most HEI students not on placement return around 18 January 2021. Those on placement return from 4th January 2021. • Nothing to update from ongoing discussions with regulators and professional bodies <p>College Development Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to confirmation that HNC students would be included in the indemnity insurance scheme some Colleges made the decision to go down the route of looking at competence as per SQA guidance for HNC CAP. Therefore, students would not have clinical practice placement experience and would therefore apply for first year university degree programme following HNC. As a result of this, there may be a higher demand and a larger pool of applicants, with HNC students competing with direct entrants from school. • Occupational therapy HNC student placements were planned but withdrawn due to issues over the indemnity insurance coverage for students. Will look to reinstate these placements should capacity remain now the insurance issue has been resolved

<p>5.3</p>	<p>Strategic Oversight Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further updates to provide. Await outcome of funding proposals submitted
<p>5.4</p>	<p>AHP Practice Based Learning Stakeholder Strategic Group</p> <p>The group have not met since the last RAPOG meeting.</p>
<p>5.5</p>	<p>AHP Recovery Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A call out via the AHP networks for stories around innovative use of technology which can be shared with the National Implementation Group who meet on 17.12.20
<p>5.6</p>	<p>Scottish Collaboration of Paramedic Education (SCoPE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two HEIs have been unable to progress with paramedic practice placements in November 2020 due to placement availability and this now falls into requirement for recovery placements SAS are undertaking a review of station capacity in respect of footfall and social distancing with a view to determining the risk factors and implications for practice placements. This may mean that a reduction in the number of placement hours in SAS settings will be required. Await outcome of the request submitted to SG primary care division to increase on a permanent basis the PEL network capacity so that paramedic placement work becomes part and parcel of the core PEL activity. The existing funding is in-year and those undertaking the PEL role are unable to continue as they are required back in service by their health board.
<p>5.7</p>	<p>Capacity and Capability Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have developed national student capacity tools - one to support discussions and calculate optimal nursing and midwifery placement numbers and this will be supported by statement from Deputy Nurse Director Group.
<p>5.7</p>	<p>Strategic Group for Practice Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group is due to meet 09.12.20. Reduction in number of care homes offering placements Number of third sector community placement opportunities have not opened up yet linked to tier restrictions and resurgence of COVID-19 cases. This is limiting availability of placements NES are working with Edinburgh Napier University to host a virtual event on 21.01.21 around an adaptation of the Collaborative Learning in Practice model to explore from a nursing and midwifery perspective whether this can be used across Scotland to try and increase placement capacity.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Vaccination and testing of students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student testing will be undertaken on the first day of a placement. FAQs are in development and will be circulated as soon as possible. Query raised around whether students not on placement but returning to HEI or College post-Christmas will be tested. HEIs are required to test all students coming from another geographical region back into HEI accommodation from 05.01.221 for a period of 5-6 weeks. Students on placement will receive the vaccination at the same time as staff

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration to be given to the practicalities of vaccine roll out for students on short term placements. A student could receive the vaccine but may not be on the placement 21 days later. <p>Action: Scottish Government to circulate FAQs once finalised and agreed.</p>
7.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>13th January 2021, 11.15 – 1.00pm . 2nd February 2021, 3.00 – 5.00pm</p>