



Education Officer – Year-end report 2020

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I have been co-opted onto the executive committee to help support a number of projects that are outlined below. I have previously been involved in the MACP executive committee in a number of different roles 5 years ago and was approached to help support the committee with some new, exciting programmes of work. My role currently is to help develop the relaunch of the portfolio route to membership, explore how we can link the advanced practice (AP) projects with the work currently ongoing with Health Education England (HEE) and supporting the Committee for Education and Approval (CEA) by taking the Chair position in my co-opted role.

Activity from the year:

1. **Portfolio route to membership:** Two routes will be offered. An accelerated route and standard route. The accelerated route will be aimed at non-members who clearly exceed the requirements across the IFOMPT standards (Level 7) and are able to easily demonstrate them within a professional portfolio of experience and knowledge. The governance framework for this route has been agreed and we are in the process of finalising the logistics of application and process. This is an exciting development as it widens the offer across the MSK physiotherapy profession towards those clinicians who can clearly significantly contribute to the organisation and would be very welcome in broadening the MACP membership. The second route being the re-launch of the already established self-directed route. The portfolio route lead Madeleine Nazareth has reviewed all the documentation surrounding this and updated it where needed. The Executive has agreed to support the development of an entry portal via the MACP webpage for portfolio route users that will enable them to upload evidence against the IFOMPT standards. This will make the sign off process easier, and the experience more supportive and transparent.
2. HEE are keen to see portfolio routes to AP status. Mapping work that has already been completed has demonstrated that the Educational Standards that the MACP is governed by under IFOMPT, do map against the 'Multi-professional framework for Advanced Clinical

Practice' in England. By establishing the route against these standards as well, it is envisaged that the portfolio route will be recognised by the Centre for Advancing Practice within HEE.

3. To ensure the external validity of the portfolio route, I have agreed with the MACP exec to go to tender to establish a working relationship with a HEI(s). The role of the HEI in the portfolio route will be to provide external assessment of the submitted portfolios. This rigor I feel is important for the resilience and credibility of the route. This HEI assessment will only apply to the standard route. The accelerated route will be managed through the CEA. We hope to have this up and running in the early part of 2021.
4. HEE have also commissioned the MACP in collaboration to review the IFOMPT Educational Standards and language to ensure the small gaps against the HEE multi-professional framework are built up and fit for multi-professional use. The IFOMPT standards have been agreed through the establishment of the MSK Partnership (See Chairs report) as the multi-professional standards for MSK. These national (UK) standards for MSK AP have been developed to fulfil: the IFOMPT educational standards, the multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice in England, the 'Musculoskeletal core capabilities framework' and equivalent documents across UK countries. A multi-professional governance document accompanies these standards for a portfolio route for any organisation wishing to adopt them. The MACP has been at the forefront of this exciting development in AP and so 2021 promises to be hugely important year.
5. The CEA has been re-established in terms of its constitutional membership to support the current routes to membership being able to fulfil the IFOMPT requirements. HEI leads have been very supportive in arranging how this may look.

There are currently eight higher education institutions with MACP approved routes to membership. These are the following: Brighton, University College London, Coventry, Hertfordshire, Sheffield Hallam, Birmingham, Manchester Metropolitan and Queen Mary University London. The annual monitoring for these programmes in Academic Session 19/20 is due for completion in January 2021.
6. The MACP executive (with CSP funding) is in the process of commissioning an online mentors course. This will be a self-directed resource that allows our MACP members to develop their mentoring skills further in supporting the 'in-practice' elements of the route through HEIs and the portfolio model. We hope to see this ready in the very near future.