Council meeting 9 February 2012

Public business

**Education related fees for 2013**

**Purpose**
To agree that there should be no change to education-related fees and charges for 2013.

**Recommendation**
The Council is asked to agree that the current levels of education-related fees and charges remain unchanged for 2013.

1.0 **Background**

1.1 Under the Scheme of Delegation the following is reserved to Council:

- Determining fees to be charged in connection with entry to the pre-registration scheme and registration examination for prospective pharmacists, and the assessment of overseas-qualified pharmacists (art 65(1));

1.2 Council members will be aware that education-related fees under art 65(1) are generally considered at the February Council meeting.

1.3 No changes to the fees are proposed and the current fees are therefore reproduced below for information only:

- Overseas qualified pharmacists – examination of documents and conducting a pre overseas pharmacists assessment programme (OSPAP) assessment (where relevant): £687
- Entry to Pre-registration scheme: £174
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- Registration Assessment entry fee: £206
- Manual remarking of Assessment answer papers: £110

1.4 From the June 2011 Registration Assessment onwards, we will be withdrawing the late entry option and late entry fee because the late entry option serves no obvious purpose. All fees and deadlines are publicised at the beginning of every pre-registration year, which means that trainees are aware of the main Assessment entry fee deadline c. 10 months in advance. Adding a late fee deadline a fortnight after the main deadline simply confuses matters and makes planning for a sitting unnecessarily complicated. We will publicise this change in February.

2.0 Equality and diversity implications

2.1 Prospective pre-registration trainees are not especially well off, on the whole, however by keeping the fee structure the same as for 2012 and by advertising the fees well in advance (prospective) trainees should be able to set aside sufficient funds to pay the required fees.

3.0 Communications implications

3.1 The intended charges will be publicised on the GPhC website.

4.0 Resource implications

4.1 There are no extra resource implications associated with this paper.

5.0 Risk implications

5.1 There are no new risk implications.

Recommendation

The Council is asked to agree that the current levels of education-related fees and charges remain unchanged for 2013.

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