

**REPORT OF THE PROJECT BOARD
For the Authorisation and Regulation Project
May 2011**

Project Plan

1. The Project Board continues to meet regularly. The project plan is on course.
2. The second year of the project ended in March with a small overspend (£887). This will be carried forward to year three, plans for which have been submitted to the Department of Health's Section 64 Branch for approval.

Authorisation Bodies

3. The Authorisation Bodies have been publicised in a leaflet made available to the NHS at the year end. The MFGHC has indicated that it will change its constitution to reflect this change and proposals are currently under discussion.

Capabilities and Competencies/ Continuing Professional Development

4. The Education Committee convened an education day in February to review a number of related issues.
5. The Committee has endorsed the statement of capabilities and competencies drafted by the South East Coast Chaplaincy Collaborative with acknowledgement to NHS Scotland which drafted the originating report. This statement will be used by the Education Committee as the basis for their work on common educational provision.
6. In conjunction with the Standards Committee, the Education Committee has endorsed a statement about continuing professional development based on that in use by the Health Professions Council. This will now form part of the public consultation in 2011 on professional and governance standards for regulation.

Reference Group

7. The Reference Group has met three times and its public letter is available on the MFGHC website. The Group continues to be most supportive and helpful and is advising on the consultation documents at its next meeting in June.

Public consultation

8. The Project Board intends to undertake a public consultation on its proposals for a Healthcare Chaplaincy Regulatory Council between July and September 2011. The outcome of consultation will be reported to the Council in January 2012.
9. It is hoped that UKBHC will support these discussions and efforts are being made to engage them in this activity.

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