

What should be the 'new look' of PQ following the SWRB proposals and GSCC closure?

The workshop will provide an overview of the Social Work Reform Board proposals in respect of post qualifying education in England, as outlined in the One Year On report, published December 2010. The particular focus will be on work undertaken in the SWRB working groups since March 2011 (the end of the consultation period). The workshop will focus specifically on the proposed hybrid model of CPD, development of a post qualifying Masters in Social Work, and how this will link to the Professional Capabilities Framework. The workshop will therefore provide a brief overview of the Professional Capabilities Framework, although participants will find it helpful to have read the One Year On report and familiarised themselves with the key principles of the PCF.

The workshop will offer participants the opportunity to consider implications for the development, delivery and quality assurance of a CPD framework that will include a diverse range of provision. Implications arising from the closure of the GSCC PQ Framework in 2012 will be considered in the context of the transition to a new flexible CPD Framework.

Proposals for the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment will also be explored, with specific reference to assessment and links with registration. Plans to introduce the ASYE from September 2012 will be considered, with specific reference to the development of models to assess and support newly qualified social workers. The Munro Review of Child Protection has implications for the CPD needs of social workers and this will also be considered in relation to the SWRB proposals for a CPD framework.

The proposals for the ASYE and the CPD Framework will be implemented at a time of significant resource constraints for employers and HEIs. Participants will therefore be encouraged to locate their discussions in the context of implications for partnership working.