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**Quality Standards for Practice Placement (QSPP)**

Hints and Tips for Completion

The Quality Standards for Practice Placements (QSPP 2008) were created to maximise the quality of the learning environment within the practice setting. They clarified the expectations and responsibilities of learners and those individuals and organisations supporting them. These standards were used by nursing, midwifery and AHPs. Along with the standards an audit tool and audit process was developed to enable the Allied Health Professions to audit themselves against them. These standards were reviewed and the new Quality Standards for Practice Learning (QSPL) have been available since February 2021. Currently these standards are being used by our nursing and midwifery colleagues as they have an audit system in place. AHPs are still using the old standards (QSPP) until a new audit tool for the QSPL is developed. It is hoped that this audit tool will be available in 2023.

**What does that mean for AHPs supporting Practice Based Learning (PrBL)**

**Changes made**

* Rather than each individual department/area completing section 1 and 2, encourage professions to complete it service wide – this enables sharing of resources and good practice between the different departments/areas.
* Sections 1 and 2 are completed every 2 years, encourage staff to complete it in line with their HCPC re-registration cycle. This will mean that staff should remember when it is due as well as them having evidence if they are required to submit evidence.
* Section 3 was initially completed every 2 years; it is advised that it is now completed **every 3 years.**

**Recommended process**

* Encourage AHPs to complete audits using the old QSPP standards
* It is important that the AHPs and the PELs use the QSPP guidance document as this outlines the process for each audit. Throughout – only change would be the audit cycles as highlighted below.
* It is acknowledged that the audit tool is now unavailable on the NES website, however, use the embedded word documents below for each section and send to the different areas for completion.
* Continue making a record of areas that have completed the audit and when it is due.
* Section 4 has not changed – completed every 3 years however the PEL takes a lead on this.

**Everyone will be kept updated on the progress of the new QSPL audit tool and proposed audit cycles.**

**Useful documents**

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| Guidance document for QSPP completion |  |
| Template for Section 1 |  |
| Template for section 2 |  |
| Template for section 3 |  |
| Template for section 4 |  |