

**GOC stakeholder engagement activity 2008-09**

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For information

**Background/Introduction:**

1. The GOC has a statutory duty to involve stakeholders, including patients and the public, in its work. The GOC is now working to a stakeholder engagement strategy which will ensure that the Council engages with a wide range of groups, including registrants, service users and partners, and reflects their views where appropriate in our policy and decision making.
2. The GOC also now works to a consultation framework, which acts a best practice guide for consultation. Both of these documents have been agreed by Council. This paper sets out the stakeholder engagement work that has been done since April 2008 and the work which is planned for the future.
3. The communications department will now be reporting to Council on stakeholder engagement activity at each Council meeting.

**Discussion:**

4. Council are invited to note the summary of activity (Annex 1).

**Resource implications:**

5. Activities are as agreed in the business plan and as budgeted for. The GOC has received some funding from the DH for the revalidation stakeholder events in the autumn.

**Equality and diversity implications:**

*Has an Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment been carried out?*

6. N/A

**Human Rights Act implications:**

*Has a Human Act Rights Impact Assessment been carried out?*

7. N/A

**Stakeholder engagement:**

*Has the Consultation Checklist been completed?*

8. N/A