

To: all members

From: The Training and Education Committee (TEC)

We note that the HCPC on their website say:

'The UK Government has asked us to prepare for the temporary registration of health and care professionals, allowing final year students who have successfully completed their final clinical placement to practice as registered professionals. This supports the public health response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic' and

'This will enable them to be deployed within the health service immediately to support COVID-19 related care.'

Members of the TEC have a shared view which is that unless students have completed all the necessary placement hours for registration and have also successfully completed all assessment related to clinical placement they should not be added to the HCPC temporary register.

Therefore currently there are only Roehampton students, as far as we are aware, that are ready to be deployed. We also note that Programme leaders nominate these students to the HCPC rather than students nominating themselves. As soon as students have successfully completed and passed their placements, we will put them forward to HCPC should the students wish this, and this will be decided on a course by course basis.

The TEC recognise that any HCPC student meeting these criteria could be deployed in a number of tasks not specifically related to their profession but instead to ease the burden on NHS staff who are needing to focus on treating the Covid-19 virus. It is also apparent that some students who are eligible are keen to offer their services, and in the case of Roehampton, are likely to be put forward by the programme team.

We wish you all very well in this difficult time  
**With best wishes from the TEC Committee**